

Aluf Sharon quits army for politics

GONEN HEADS SOUTHERN COMMAND

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The O.C. Southern Command, Aluf Ariel Sharon, is leaving the army after 28 years of active service. He is expected to join the Liberal Party and to run as Gahal candidate in the October Knesset elections. The army spokesman announced last night that O.C. Training Command Aluf Shmuel Gonen ("Gorodish") replaces Aluf Sharon. The appointment will take effect on Sunday, June 18.

Aluf Sharon, 45, will be leaving the army five days before the July 20 deadline for civil servants wishing to stand for election — 100 days before the polling on October 30.

Although last night's announcement of his retirement from the army came as something of a surprise, Sharon's "retirement" with the Liberal Party was an open secret since the days prior to the 1969 Knesset elections, when he almost decided to leave the army for politics. He stated then that he regarded himself as a Liberal. Meanwhile, there have been unconfirmed reports that the Labour Party and the Free Centre had also put out feelers to Sharon.

Sharon's adhesion would strengthen the Liberal wing of Gahal with a reinforcement of comparable weight to Aluf (Res.) Ezer Weizman of Herut.

Liberal Party leaders Elimelech Shalek and Shmuel Eliahu told The Jerusalem Post last night that they would not have any formal contact with Aluf Sharon as long as he was still in uniform. But they thought it an almost foregone conclusion that he would be given a prominent place on the Gahal Knesset list and would be a candidate for a Cabinet post in the event of Gahal joining the Government after the elections.



GONEN SHARON

122 DIE IN PLANE CRASH NEAR PARIS

PARIS. — A Brazilian airliner carrying 124 persons plunged into the ground like a stone near here yesterday killing all 117 passengers and five of the 17 crew members. The Varig Boeing 707 smashed into the ground and burst into flames. The passengers were burned to death still strapped in their seats.

An even worse disaster was averted as the plane crashed only 200 metres short of the village of Saur-Les-Chartreux in a heavily populated suburban area south of Paris.

The passengers included Senator Plinio Muller, who headed the official political party of the Brazilian government, a championship yacht racer, a prominent Sao Paulo newspaper executive and two Brazilian musicians.

A local farmer working in his fields saw the plane diving "very, very fast and very low" as it came in to land at Orly.

The pilot, named as Captain Gilberto, was meanwhile telling the Orly control tower by radio that he was having trouble with his engines — and then radioed that he had a fire on board. He asked for priority over all other planes coming in to land.

Then, the farmers said: "Suddenly, the plane dipped one wing, straightened up a little, and then plunged to the ground like a stone... the ground trembled as if under the impact of a bomb."

(UPI, Reuters)

Pilot saves — Page 4



Yona Melnik, of Petah Tikva, winner of yesterday's judo finals in the welterweight class, is about to be awarded a gold medal by the Dutch world heavyweight champion, Willem Ruska. On Yona's left is the silver medal winner, the American-born Japanese contestant, Joseph Garria. Bronze medal winner, on Yona's right, is Israeli Ilan Kedem. (Rahamim Yaron)

U.S., with 16 golds, leads Maccabiah

By JACK LEON and PAUL KOEN
Jerusalem Post Reporters

TEL AVIV. — The U.S. by last night had set up a commanding lead with 16 gold, 10 silver and eight bronze medals after two days of the 9th Maccabiah Games.

Israel with eight gold, eight silver and seven bronze was in second place, followed by Sweden, South Africa and Britain.

The American supremacy was especially felt at the Gaiet Gil swimming pool, where its teenagers captured five of the six gold medals at stake yesterday. Americans also took medals in judo, shooting and rowing.

Israel has disappointed so far in swimming and has collected its medals in weightlifting, judo, fencing and shooting.

Germany won its first Maccabiah gold medal since 1935, with its women's table tennis team.

In football, Brazil scored its second win in two days beating Denmark 2:0 yesterday. Israel and Britain scored their first wins, and Israel did it with a whopping 8:0 victory over Peru.

Britain took over the lead from South Africa after the second day of golf at Caesarea, and an Israeli Army officer, Laurie Peen, surged into the lead in the individual event.

Israel is showing up well in table tennis, its men's team remaining undefeated by last night.

Israel's Shlomo Fried last night won the light-heavyweight class in weightlifting with a total score of 267.5 kgs. Fried set a new games record in the snatch, with 117.5 kgs. The silver medal went to Kaplan of Israel, while Britain's Levine gained the bronze, both totalling 285 kgs.

Mark Miller annexed the middle-heavyweight gold, with a record total of 292.5 kgs. Second was Israel's Ben-Lulu, and Romer of the U.S. was third.

Israel and the U.S. both scored their second wins at basketball. Israel beat France 116:41 last night, after leading 57:17.

Tal Brodie scored 25 and Ben-David 22 points. The U.S. beat Italy 98:25, after leading 42:6 at half-time. Canada beat Greece 108:28, and Argentina beat Germany 86:43.

In volleyball, Israel beat the U.S. 3:1 last night, 15:6, 15:4, 11:15. South Africa looks set for a triumph on the bowls green at Savoyon and Ramat Gan, winning all their matches yesterday.

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BOUTEFILKA IN PARIS: Basis for talks between Israel, Palestinians

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — Algerian Foreign Minister Abdel-Aziz Bouteflika yesterday moved into the forefront of the Middle East conflict by announcing in a foreign capital that there was a basis for negotiation between Israel and the Palestinian movement to work out a settlement together.

Mr. Bouteflika, who yesterday ended his three-day official visit, said at a press conference that a settlement could be reached within the framework of a multi-racial and multi-religious state within the borders of historic Palestine. In this state all citizens would have the same rights and duties and Israelis and Palestinians could build a fraternal country.

He added that "this country could bring a new dimension of peace into the troubled region and into the world because it is at the meeting point of three continents threatened directly by any conflict breaking out there."

He said that the problem of Israeli occupation of three Arab territories must of necessity be solved because international opinion is unanimous in saying that it will no account permit the occupation of territories by force.

Mr. Bouteflika said Israel would face "qualified and valid" negotiations in the persons of the leaders of the "Palestinian resistance."

He refused to answer a question on whether Palestinian leaders would agree to talk directly to Israel and said that no Palestinian leader had ever spoken to him about the formation of a provisional revolutionary Palestinian government.

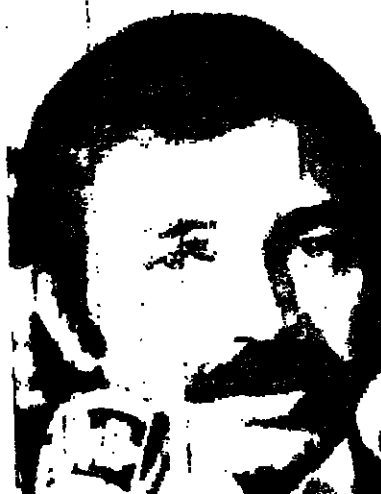
It is unlikely that the French Government will welcome Mr. Bouteflika's remarks, as the policy here is to downgrade the Middle East conflict as far as possible. It will no doubt be felt that Mr. Bouteflika should have made his remarks on his return to Algiers, although it must be conceded that it is difficult for a visiting Arab personality as prominent as Mr. Bouteflika to make no comment on such a burning issue.

Our diplomatic reporter adds: Observers in Jerusalem last night termed the Bouteflika statement as yet another Arab propaganda balloon. The terms of settlement of the Israel-Arab conflict, in a multi-racial Palestinian state suggested by the Algerian Foreign Minister were identical with those voiced by Patah leader Yasser Arafat, it was stated.

Commenting on Bouteflika's statement of Tuesday that direct talks between Palestinian and Israel leaders about the Middle East crisis were in the realm of possibility, the Foreign Ministry spokesman said that since 1967 Israel had had many talks with Arab Palestinian leaders who live with us now. All these leaders stressed, and rightly so, that they cannot reach agreement with Israel without the Arab Government, the spokesman said.

Since 1948, the Arab states have maintained a state of belligerency with Israel, and therefore they have to take part in peace talks and peace agreements, even if Algeria rejects this concept, the spokesman said. The U.N. Resolution 242 speaks of establishing peace through contacts and agreements between the U.N. members in the Middle East, he pointed out.

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Algerian Foreign Minister Bouteflika at his news conference in Paris yesterday. (AP radiophoto)

Yadlin calls Gahal 'a dangerous enemy'

By SEAVA SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Alignment's main opponent in the forthcoming elections will be Gahal — "a dangerous enemy" — Labour Party Secretary-General Aharon Yadlin said in an article published in the "Ot" weekly yesterday.

Mr. Yadlin said Gahal's main objective is to estrange workers from the Zionist-Socialist parties leading the Histadrut, by trying to persuade the former that the Alignment had failed to protect their economic interests.

The Zionist-Socialist movement assumed the national leadership because of its pioneering role and sense of national responsibility, Mr. Yadlin stated. But, he added, the "Zionist hegemony" on which the Alignment is based is only possible if the people remember they have a mission to accomplish beyond the simple desire to live better.

Mr. Yadlin is expected to write the draft for the Alignment's Histadrut platform. While he will also coordinate the party's tactics in both the Histadrut and the general elections, it is understood that Minister-without-Portfolio Yisrael Gali will himself draft the Alignment's platform.

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Dollar up

LONDON (Reuters). — The U.S. dollar yesterday continued its recovery from last Friday's rock bottom levels against other major currencies. But the dollar's improvement, which began last Monday, began to lose some of its momentum.

After advancing on Tuesday by nearly three per cent against an average of other major currencies, it gained only 2.27 per cent yesterday, according to Reuters currency index.

Against Europe's strongest currency, the West German mark, the dollar ended the day over two pence up from last night at 2.4175 marks. This was nearly 18 pence higher than Friday's all-time low.

In Zurich, it rose to 2.89 Swiss francs against 2.8550 on Tuesday night and in Paris to 4.14/15 French francs compared with 4.10 on Tuesday night.

Reflecting the dollar's improvement, the price of gold in London fell by \$4 to \$19.9 an ounce.

The dollar opened stronger everywhere in the morning following Tuesday's announcement by the U.S. that it could motivate \$17,980m. in support of its currency if the need arose.

Eban: Notes with Tunisia exchanged

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Foreign Minister Abba Eban said yesterday that a number of messages have already passed in both directions between Israel and Tunisia, through third parties, about the possibility of a meeting between representatives of the two countries.

Speaking in the Knesset at question time, Mr. Eban said the last message which Israel sent was a week ago, and it conveyed Israel's agreement to a meeting, at the level suggested by Tunisia. He described the purpose of the meeting as "to set up a dialogue about establishing Middle East peace on the basis of Security Council Resolution 242."

President Bourguiba's public statements were the only response to this last message, he said.

When the questioner, Shmuel Tamir (Free Centre), asked in a supplementary what level of representation Tunisia had suggested, Mr. Eban replied that he preferred to wait till the matter was resolved through diplomatic channels.

Mr. Eban said his Ministry and the security services believed a number of lessons should be drawn from the murder of Aluf-Mishne Yosef Alon in Washington, and suggestions were being held accordingly.

The problem of security at the homes of thousands of Israeli representatives abroad was far more complex than that of security at missions, which had been considerably improved, he told Uri Avnery (Radicals — late Ha'Olam Ha'ach) — "guaranteed."

Mr. Eban told Mr. Tamir that U.S. officials, who had contacts with the Soviet authorities got the impression that the overall number of immigrants from the Soviet Union would not decrease. It is too early in the year to estimate whether the 1973 total will be lower than 1972 or not.

The Foreign Minister told Mr. Avnery and Avraham Levenbraun (New Communists) that Israel was not obliged to comment on unproven press reports that the Israel Embassy in Washington had been "bugged" at one time.

Brezhnev: Must guarantee M.E. borders

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Soviet communist party chief Leonid Brezhnev said here today that peace and frontiers in the Middle East must be "guaranteed."

Speaking at a ceremony in the Grand Palace of the Kremlin where he received the Lenin Peace Prize, he called for the withdrawal of Israeli troops from occupied territory.

Mr. Brezhnev said a situation where "aggressors and adventurers continue to hold this region in an explosive situation" could no longer be tolerated. The rights of the Arab people should be fully restored, he added.

He welcomed recent moves towards détente in the world, but called for an end to the tension in the Middle East.

THREE DIE ON ROADS

A six-year-old girl, a 4½-year-old boy and an army sergeant-major were killed in three road accidents, on Tuesday night and yesterday.

Sabina Rosalim of Zichron Ya'akov was killed when she and an eight-year-old friend were hit by a car as they crossed Sderot Ha'tzemaunt in Bat Yam Tuesday evening. The friend, Miriam Asit, of Bat Yam, was admitted to Donolo Hospital.

The sergeant-major, David Ben-Haim, 30, was riding a motor-scooter on the Kfar Gai-Ashkelon road yesterday morning, when a pickup truck veered from its lane and collided with him. The driver of the truck and a passenger were injured and hospitalized in Ashkelon.

Nir Zakai, aged 4½, from Akko, was killed yesterday afternoon when a truck ran over him. The driver was detained for questioning. (TIM)

Swiss want Israeli extradited

MULHOUSE, France (AFP). — The Swiss authorities yesterday asked for the extradition from France of Benjamin Meshulam, 28, an Israeli who was arrested last Thursday as he attempted to cross into West Germany from France with 100m. Italian lire (\$1785,000) in his possession.

Another Israeli, Shlomo Leonardo, reported that a similar sum of Italian currency was stolen from him at the Basel railway station last Monday. The French authorities said Meshulam would be charged with attempted bribery and violation of currency laws. He would be extradited to Switzerland later. The West German authorities are reportedly also interested in the episode.

Hussein sees Sir Alec

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — King Hussein of Jordan lunched yesterday with British Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home and this was followed by a meeting which lasted 80 minutes, somewhat longer than originally allocated.

The discussions were attended by Jordan Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and Julian Abery, Minister of State at the Foreign Office. They centred on the Middle East and particularly the Arab-Israeli dispute. There was a brief discussion of the recent U.N. Security Council debate on the Middle East and the two sides exchanged views on proposals for a settlement.

(Agence France Presse reports from Beirut that the Palestinian news agency, Wafa, claimed yesterday that King Hussein has sent an emissary to Jerusalem to arrange a meeting with Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Allon. Wafa said the emissary, one of the King's advisers, met with Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek who apparently will set up Hussein's meeting with Mr. Allon.)

(Hussein — Page 4)

Prison term for 2 terrorists in France

PARIS (INA). — A French court yesterday sentenced two Jordanians arrested last March 15 on the Italian border while carrying explosives, to 18 months in prison and a fine of 100,000 francs.

The court, sitting in the town of Gap, found Habib Sakhr, 25, and Mohamed Omar, 29, guilty of illegally introducing explosives into France. The prosecution claimed that the two had planned to blow up the Jordanian Embassy in Paris.

It was learned that one of the two tried to commit suicide in prison on the eve of the trial. Police found a list in his possession containing ten names believed to be the heads of Black September in Paris. Among them was the name of Mohamed Boudia, the Algerian terrorist who died here two weeks ago when a bomb exploded in his car.

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Golda said paid IL 2 m. for 'life'

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Has Mrs. Golda Meir become Israel's first millionaire (in Israeli pounds) Socialist Prime Minister?

This question arises from a report in "Private Eye," an informal, though erratic, satirical fortnightly magazine. It claims that the publishers Weidenfeld and Nicolson have paid \$450,000 (IL1,800,000) for Mrs. Meir's autobiography which is not due for delivery for another two years.

A company official told The Post yesterday that it sounded like a "typical Private Eye" exaggeration. She admitted that she didn't actually know how much had been paid to Mrs. Meir, and had nothing to do with it.

(Mr. Asher Weil, Managing Director of Weidenfeld and Nicolson in Jerusalem, yesterday refused to comment on the report, saying that agreements between publisher and author were the inviolable private affair of those directly concerned.)

Cairo sounds out Kremlin

MOSCOW (AP). — Egyptian presidential adviser Hafez Ismail flew into Moscow yesterday for a three-day visit aimed at gauging Soviet support in the light of Russia's closer relations with the United States.

Ismail, carrying a message from Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, was met at Moscow's Sheremetyevo Airport by Deputy Foreign Minister Vadim Kuznetsov. The Moscow visit was requested by Egypt in the wake of last month's summit meeting between President Richard Nixon and Communist Party Chief Leonid Brezhnev.

Mitchell certain Nixon will clear his own name

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — John Mitchell, President Nixon's former Attorney-General and campaign manager, asserted yesterday that Mr. Nixon will ultimately clear himself of any involvement in the Watergate bugging scandal.

Mr. Mitchell, who has admitted concealing the facts of the scandal from Mr. Nixon, said in his second day of testimony at televised Senate hearings: "I think the good name of the President is going to be protected by the facts and by the President himself."

Mr. Mitchell's defence of the President — and of his own decision to hide details of the Watergate cover up from Mr. Nixon — came as it was made public that former White House aide John Ehrlichman approved payments a year ago to the seven men apprehended in connection with the bugging of the Democratic Party headquarters.

Mr. Mitchell, who resigned as Senator Howard Baker, of Tennessee, the Committee Vice-Chairman, how the panel could get the President's version of events. Mr. Mitchell said he hoped committee members would be invited to the White House.

Mr. Mitchell, who resigned as Mr. Nixon's campaign manager three weeks after the break-in and bugging of Democratic Party headquarters were discovered in June last year, calmly parried a barrage of questions why he did not inform the President of the Watergate cover-up either before or after last election.

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Tiberias	34	18-23	17-23
Nazareth	34	18-23	17-23
Haifa	34	18-23	17-23
Be'er Sheva	34	18-23	17-23
Dimona	34	18-23	17-23

Social and Personal

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday received the delegation of the Israeli Bonds delegation from Chicago.

New York State Senator John Marchi and Mrs. Marchi called on Mayor Teddy Kolek of Jerusalem yesterday at City Hall. They later called on Knesset Speaker Israel Yeshayahu.

The director-general of the Hadassah Medical Organization and Mrs. R.J. Mann gave a reception at their home in Jerusalem Thursday in honor of the national president of Hadassah, Rose Matzkin, and members of the Hadassah National Board now in Israel.

Ethel Sincoff of New York visited the Jacob and Ethel Sincoff Lecture Hall at the Technion yesterday and was received by President Alexander Goldberg.

ARRIVALS

Sara Rabinowitz, President of World Council of Jewish Women, arrived in Jerusalem with World Council and United Synagogue leaders in Israel (by Swissair).

Bid to abolish Bader-Ofer Law defeated

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
A last-ditch attempt to abolish the Bader-Ofer amendment for the re-distribution of surplus votes was defeated in the Knesset yesterday. Mr. Shmuel Tamir and Rabbi Meir Kahane (Agudat Yisrael) presented private members' bills aimed at killing the law which was passed by the House earlier this year. The bills were defeated by a vote of 17 for to 19 against. Both Mr. Tamir and Rabbi Kahane reiterated the well-worn arguments that the bill was undemocratic, and an unholy alliance by the country's two big parties, the Alignment and Gahal, to stifle democracy in Israel. Mr. Tamir launched into a long and vicious attack on Gahal, which he claimed had sold out its principles for a few extra votes. In one heated exchange with Mrs. Esther Razieli-Naor of Gahal, Mr. Tamir said that her party had in fact prostituted itself by joining ranks with the Alignment. Yesterday's debate on the bills failed to generate the fervor of the original amendment had. Instead of seriously attacking the amendment itself, Mr. Tamir took the opportunity to settle old accounts with Gahal — particularly Herut.

Peled: fall-out at Carmiel 'normal'

Jerusalem Post Staff
Absorption Minister Nathan Peled confirmed yesterday that 15 families and two individuals — 51 persons in all — have left the Carmiel development town in the past six months. He was replying to five motions for the agenda in the Knesset on the subject, all of which were referred to Committee. The Minister warned, however, that the matter should not be blown out of all proportion, and said reports of Christian mission involvement were grossly exaggerated. Mr. Peled told the Knesset that over the past two years 627 families have been successfully absorbed in the Galilee development town — all of them from the Soviet Union. It was not totally unexpected that 15 families of this total should opt to leave the country, he said. The movers of the five motions were universal in criticizing the Ministry and the way new immigrants are received in Israel. Eliezer Shostak of the Free Centre questioned the whole existing approach, saying that absorption centres did not answer the immediate needs of new immigrants. Avraham Katz (Gahal), demanding that an independent commission of inquiry look into the Carmiel situation, suggested easier and simpler conversion for mixed families. Rabbi Kalman Kahane (Poalei Aguda) blamed the Government's policy of allowing missionary work in Israel. Uri Avneri (Radicals) charged that mixed families were being brought to Israel under false pretences. Rabbi Shlomo Lorincz (Aguda) was not at all surprised that 15 families had left the country, "when we read only last week that 5,000 Jewish girls had married Arabs." In his reply, Mr. Peled noted that only four of the 15 families were mixed, and said the speakers' references to religious discontent were thus surely out of place. Meanwhile, Carmiel resident Alexander Lengel charged after his arraignment yesterday for theft from the Latin Church in Haifa that missionaries had influenced at least three Carmiel immigrant families to go to Canada after they converted. Lengel, 36, was remanded for seven days for taking an unspecified sum from a German woman social worker attached to the Church. A father of two who immigrated with his non-Jewish wife from Rumania nine years ago, he had been suspected of carrying on missionary work in Carmiel.

Jordanian regains use of leg in Safad

Jerusalem Post Reporter
SAFAD. — Mohamed Kader Derbas, 25, from Irbid in Jordan, has recovered the use of his paralysed right leg after an operation in the Government hospital here. He had previously been treated in Cairo, where surgeons saved his left leg, but failed to restore the right one. He is now getting physiotherapeutic treatment, and the physicians expect that he will be able to walk in a fortnight, and return home on his own two feet in a month. Derbas told The Post that he had suffered from rheumatism since he was 15, and had been treated in hospitals in Amman, Damascus, Kuwait, Beirut and Cairo. He had learned about the advanced state of medicine in Israel from watching TV, and asked the International Red Cross to help him come here. He arrived in Israel four months ago and was admitted for treatment in Safad. He expressed his thanks to the Military Government, which enabled him to get the treatment free of charge, and to the doctors who treated him, Daniel Reich, David Rendel and Louis Shifrin.

AT THE MACCABIAH ISRAEL WINS JUDO AMERICANS RULE THE POOL

Israel judo star Yoram Melnick heaved Japan's Joseph Garrie into the air and down on his back, taking a gold medal in the light-middle-weight class yesterday. Israeli fans at the Hebrew University gymnasium roared with delight as Melnick overcame the American-born Garrie, a student of the Per Bess, who practices judo with the instructor of the Japanese Imperial Palace Guard. Garrie, the sole Japanese delegate to the Maccabiah, won the silver medal and Dan Eklund and Leonard Romoff of Brazil each took bronze awards in the welter-middle-weight division. The medals were presented by Willem Rucka of Holland, world champion heavyweight and double gold medalist at the Munich Olympics. Steven Cohen, 17, of the United States, snatched the silver brotherly medal and got the gold in the light-weight fight. Erwin grabbed the gold medal in light-heavyweight judo on Tuesday. Cohen defeated Canada's Morris Ostrowski, who took the silver, and bronze winners Richard Haim (U.S.) and Masaki Nouchi (France). Judo contests will continue today at the Yeh Eshai stadium in Tel Aviv.

Israel-Peru 8-0 in soccer

TEL AVIV. — Israel scored its first win of the 9th Maccabiah soccer tournament, trouncing Peru 8-0 in Dimona yesterday. Vicky Peretz cracked in four goals. The others were scored by Mukhal, two, Schwartz and Haj-jid. Israel led 3-0 at half-time. Britain too scored its first win, beating Germany 1-0 thanks to a late 88th minute penalty. Ray Nesbit made no mistake with the spot kick in the match at Kiryat Bialik. Mexico beat Chile 1-0 before 2,000 fans in Nazareth. The winning goal was scored by Isaias Masri in the 60th minute. In a tough game in Herzliya, in which a player was sent off from each side, South Africa beat Argentina 2-1. David Alapsky scored for Argentina in the 12th minute, but Stanley Dogon and Leon Green swung the match for South Africa in the second half.

Britain again loses at cricket

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Britain suffered their second successive defeat, while Australia and South Africa opened their programmes with victories, when the 50-over Maccabiah cricket tournament continued yesterday. At Ganei Tikva, Marshall Rosen led Australia to an 87-run win against Britain. The U.S. lost to Israel on Tuesday. The South Africans, led by Dennis Gamsy and with four Currie Cup players in their team, beat a U.S. team comprising seven baseball players by a massive 212 runs at Ashdod.

U.S. pair wins rowing

TEL AVIV. — Jan Rogers of Beaumont, Texas, and Mark Cherry, of Philadelphia, both aged 21, yesterday won the Maccabiah gold medal in the pairs-without-coxswain event, rowing 1,500 metres along the Yarkon River. The American pair beat Israel and Italy, timing 5:52.0 minutes.

U.S. regains pistol gold

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter
RAMAT GAN. — America's Ronald Krestelsh yesterday regained the gold medal of the Maccabiah's free pistol shooting event. He won it previously at the Seventh games in 1965. Krestelsh, 31, who was recently state shooting champion in both Tennessee and Mississippi, scored 527 points out of a possible 600. He edged out Israel's Ehud Pflman and Michael Marjoni by two and five points respectively. Local marksmen also took the following three places, enabling Israel to win the team competition with a new Maccabiah and National record of 2,067 points (beating their own previous record by 32 points). The U.S. finished second in the team event, with 19,995 points. A second U.S. gold medal was won by Maccabiah veteran Martin Berk in the trap shooting competition. The 46-year-old marksman amassed 184 of a possible 200 points, beating Britain's Derek Partridge with 183 points and David Elkou of Mexico with 182. The U.S. won the team event in trapshooting with a total of 581 points, ahead of Israel with 505 points. They were the only two teams to contest the event.

How can one account for the Holocaust?

Was it, as some people say, only the latest manifestation of age-old anti-Semitism? Not so, contends Jacob L. Talmon, Professor of Modern History at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem. In his provocative and stimulating essay, "European History as the Seedbed of the Holocaust" first published in The Jerusalem Post on April 20, 1973, Professor Talmon traces the origins of the Nazi "licence for genocide" to certain 19th century European patterns of thought. In response to popular request, we have reprinted Prof. Talmon's trail-blazing essay, and it is now available at all offices of The Jerusalem Post and newsstands for only 12.50.

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — It was America's day in swimming yesterday. The U.S. won five of the six events, and two of their young men smashed Maccabiah records set by Mark Spitz four years ago. Only Sweden's Anita Zamowiczki prevented a clean sweep, as she stormed to her third gold medal in the 200 meters freestyle. Her 2:14.1 minutes for the distance was 2/10th of a second short of Nancy Spitz's record of 1969. Michael Cook, a 20-year-old Harvard student of government, knocked 2.7 seconds off Spitz's 200 metres freestyle record, when he returned a personal best time of 2:00.0 minutes flat. Swimming comes easy to Michael, who only trained three weeks for the Maccabiah. "I don't take swimming too seriously, and only took it up in college," Michael said. Second to Cook came Bernat Zamowiczki of Sweden 0.9 of a second behind. Bernat, who is the twin brother of Anita, is a powerful all-around swimmer. He also took second place to Roy Abramowitz in the 400m medley. In that event Abramowitz of Princeton knocked 10.6 seconds off Mark Spitz's 1969 Maccabiah record with a time of 4:51.4 minutes with

TODAY'S EVENTS

- SWIMMING**
(Galei Gil pool, Ramat Gan)
0900 400 m freestyle men, heats
0920 400 m indiv. medley women, heats
0940 100 m backstroke men, heats
0955 100 m backstroke women, heats
1020 200 m butterfly women, heats
1040 400 m freestyle men, final
1615 400 m indiv. medley women, final
1630 100 m backstroke men, final
1640 100 m backstroke women, final
1720 4 x 100 m medley relay men, final
1735 200 m butterfly women, final
ATHLETICS
1500 50 km walk final (Ramat Gan Stadium and Tel Aviv park)
1700 100 m dash final (Ramat Gan Stadium)
1730 shot put — decathlon (Ramat Gan Stadium)
1800 3000 m steeplechase (Wingate Institute)
1815 long jump — decathlon (Ramat Gan Stadium)
1900 high jump — decathlon (Ramat Gan Stadium)
2000 400 m dash final (Ramat Gan Stadium)
FOOTBALL
1630 Germany vs. Israel (Ra'anana Hapoel)
1630 South Africa vs. Holland (Afula Maccabi)
1630 Peru vs. England (municipal court, Ashdod)
1630 U.S.A. vs. Denmark (municipal court, Carmiel)
1630 Sweden vs. Mexico (Maccabi Stadium)
BASKETBALL
1900 Germany vs. France (Elin Harod)
2045 Argentina vs. Brazil (Elin Harod)
1900 Canada vs. Italy (Givatayim Hapoel)
2045 U.S.A. vs. Australia (Givatayim Hapoel)
GYMNASTICS
(Barbour Centre, Tel Aviv)
1900 floor ex. men heats, division A
1900 side horse men heats, division B
1900 rings men heats, division C
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Gahal 'dangerous'

(Continued from page one)
Broken down, this means that 10 of the smaller Histadrut factions will have a minimum 10 minutes each on television and 15 on the radio. The rest will be divided between the Alignment and Gahal, in proportion to their strength in the Histadrut Executive, Mr. Harel said. Gahal's candidate for the Tel Aviv mayoralty, Shlomo Lahat, yesterday sent a telegram to Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir expressing his satisfaction with the Minister's statement that the Treasury would back the Mayor of Tel Aviv after the elections — "whoever he may be." Mr. Lahat told Rotary Club members in Tel Aviv that if elected, he would run the city as if the Municipal Council was a board of governors which laid down general policy. The routine work would be carried out by experts, he said.

BLACK SEPTEMBER EXPOSED

Another chapter in the special inquiry conducted by the Sunday Telegraph of London, describing the making of young Zionists, and a special report by Yaacov Friedler on burning the Carmiel emigration bubble, will be published in tomorrow's

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Direct mayoral election bill gets run-around

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
The Knesset Law Committee's handling of the private members' bill for the direct election of mayors ensured that no progress was made yesterday — the first time the Committee has taken up the measure referred to it by the plenum over 10 days ago. The Committee will return to the bill next Wednesday — just about a week before the House rises for the summer recess. Two members of the Law Committee made proposals yesterday aimed at reducing the Committee's handling of the bill to the minimum. The I.L.P.'s Gideon Hausner suggested on a point of order that since the Committee already knew all the bill's details (from its first consideration of it) it should waive the discussion and return the bill forthwith to the plenum for the ordinary first reading. Before this point of order could be discussed, the Alignment's Elia Zedek suggested another point of order, that required contributions of 50 per cent plurality for the mayoralty. Mr. Zedek said yorai candidate — instead of they should be asked to agree to 40 per cent plurality if supported.

Cambodian envoy takes back aid statement

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Cambodia's newly accredited Ambassador in Jerusalem Keo Kimsa, yesterday appeared to backtrack on his earlier statement that Phnom Penh would contemplate seeking military aid from Israel should America cut off its assistance after August 15. Speaking at a news conference at the Cambodian Embassy in Jerusalem, Mr. Kimsa said Cambodia did not expect military assistance from Israel as long as Israel itself was still in a state of war. "The 1954 Geneva Convention on Indochina gave Cambodia the right to ask friendly nations for military assistance — and Israel is a friend," he stated. But he said, this is more hypothetical than realistic, since Israel is still very concerned with its own defence. He added that Israeli agricultural experts are working as advisers on several projects in Cambodia. Asked about Cambodian Foreign Minister Long Bore's policy, Kimsa said Phnom Penh was ready to "form a coalition Government with all parties, because all Khmers are Khmers. This included Khmer Rouge Communists."

Hazani: nobody hungry for lack of money

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Welfare Minister Michael Hazani said last night that nobody in Israel goes hungry for lack of money. Welfare and National Insurance payments enable even large families to feed and clothe their children adequately. He was speaking over television about the TV report last weekend which had shown two Jerusalem families with 11 children each. The children supposedly suffered actual want. The accuracy of the programme had been questioned by several newspapers and commented on by the Prime Minister. In an obvious effort to substantiate his earlier version, TV showed further interviews with one of the families and several of their neighbours. (The interviewer was not the same who had taken the first film.) A young female social worker on the programme probably described the situation best — and in accordance with the view given by the Welfare Minister — when she said that the two families did not suffer from lack of money, but were "culturally deprived." In other words, they didn't know how to manage. In a letter to the Prime Minister sent earlier yesterday, the Welfare Minister reported officially that "the two families are in serious social distress, principally because of their completely inadequate housing, but also because of drunkenness and poor family relations. Under no circumstances can it be claimed, however, that lack of money prevents them from providing their children with nourishing food and adequate clothing." The Minister went on to say that the families would shortly be assisted with home-making help and furniture and that two of their children would be placed in residential schools. He regretted he could do nothing to solve their housing problems.

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POVERTY REPORT SPARKS KNESSET SLANGING MATCH

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Two Opposition motions for the Knesset agenda — ostensibly to debate the report of the Prime Minister's Committee on Disadvantaged Youth — gave more of an opportunity for a peppy election-style slanging match across the floor of the House yesterday than for an examination of the plight of this country's impoverished families.

Gahal leader Menahem Begin used the occasion to detail his charge of last week that Government companies had lost IL2,000m. in the State's 25 years of existence.

This Knesset struck both motions off its agenda: at Premier Golda Meir's request; the Gahal motion by 32 against 21; and the New Communist motion by a far larger majority.

The Premier explained that she was against a debate at the present time, not because she minimized the problem, but because she and the House in general would have ample opportunity to relate to it when she reviews the operations of the Prime Minister's Office in some ten days time (as part of the annual budget surveys).

Mrs. Meir promised that her review of the Office would concentrate very largely on domestic matters.

She devoted most of her reply yesterday to Gahal charges that the problem of disadvantaged youth was a direct outcome of the Government's profligate investment in State corporations.

OCCASIONAL ERRORS

She said she was proud to belong to a political movement which believed in initiating development, even though this meant making occasional errors. Gahal had never been enthusiastic about development or settlement, she said, nor had it acted to set up a committee to study poverty.

Mrs. Meir had warm praise for the work of the 120-member Committee, under National Insurance Minister Golda Meir, which prepared the report. She termed the document "thorough, detailed and excellent."

Mr. Begin led off the debate with his charge about the IL2,000m. that the State had allegedly lost. When he began reading out the list of corporations, the Alignment benches tried to shout him down, but he persisted. (For full list, see adjacent box.)

The Alignment's Ze'ev Haring tried to interject that his figures concerned investments for development in the State firms, but Mr. Begin refused to accept this.

At that point, Communist Shmuel Mizrahi shouted with uncontrolled glee: "the election campaign has begun."

The Jewish State presented areas of intolerable poverty, Mr. Begin said, especially in view of the tremendous resources which Israel had at its disposal, both of its own and from the entire Diaspora.

Why could Israel not emulate the example of a country like France, which granted sizeable family allowances and still succeeded in raising its birth rate? he asked.

Why would Israel not rehouse disadvantaged families in new buildings on the extremely valuable land which their present slums are sited? The House broke out in a second uproar when New Communist Meir Wilner, in his motion, quoted a press report about the Prime Minister's Committee on Disadvantaged Youth alleging that Mrs. Meir had delayed the report's publication.

Mrs. Meir accused Mr. Wilner of lying. Mr. Wilner returned the complaint.

Deputy Speaker Mordechai Zar — in the chair — struck both insults from the record.

The New Communist leader said that if Israel had not spent such huge sums on weapons and had fol-

lowed a peace policy instead, it would have had the money to raise the standard of living of the disadvantaged sectors.

The Free Centre's Eliezer Shoshitak took the rostrum to urge that if a full debate on the report was impossible, the Knesset should at least refer the poverty problem to one of its Committees — something which would not ensue if the matter was only handled in the framework of a Ministry survey (as Mrs. Meir wanted).

Independent Shalom Cohen — who also wanted the motions referred to Committee — caused a minor fiasco in the House when he held up a large photo of an eight-months pregnant mother from the Herzliya moshava, Esther Agababa, evicted forcibly by police last month from an empty barrack in which she had been squatting illegally.

Court orders Israeli to pay back IL3m. to Swiss bank

TEL AVIV — A Savoyon resident, formerly of Germany, will have to pay a Swiss bank 2.2m. Swiss francs (over IL3m.) which he had overdrawn, plus interest and court costs, the District Court ruled here yesterday.

The ruling was made against Reuben (Robert) Pesahovitz. The Swiss authorities have requested his extradition for allegedly defrauding another Swiss bank of 10m. francs, and the request is pending.

Pesahovitz, the court found, had drawn the money from the bank in 1968 and 1969. The bank's branch manager, believing his stories about pending business deals, naively allowed him to continue to enlarge his overdraft, covering up for him. Pesahovitz put up 41 paintings as collateral, but the bank later found they were worth far less than he had declared.

The court left in force the lien it had put on Pesahovitz's cars, pleasure yacht, and various paintings and antiques found in his Savoyon home. Part of the overdraft, which had amounted to more than the sum claimed in this suit, was recovered from money and property the police confiscated in Frankfurt, when Pesahovitz vanished to Israel.

Remanded for rape of former spouse

TEL AVIV — A Bnei Brak man, Nahum Huato, was yesterday remanded for seven days on suspicion of raping his former wife.

The former Mrs. Huato complained to police early yesterday morning that her ex-husband had turned up around midnight, beat her, dragged her to his car and forced her to have sexual relations with him. She said this was not the first time he had done this since their divorce a year ago.

Huato denied the allegation, telling Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court Judge Yosef Magory-Cohen that his ex-wife had not spurned his advances. (19m)

Water pressure bursts Negev pipe

BEERSHEBA — The water supply to dozens of settlements in the western and northern Negev stopped on Tuesday afternoon when the National Water Carrier pipe burst in three places, due to high pressure.

A Mekorot spokesman said yesterday the pipe first burst near Nir-Ezra, and in two more places as a crew began to repair the first. Company crews are working round-the-clock to replace 48-inch pipes affected, and the water supply will be resumed by tomorrow, at the latest.

In the meantime, Mekorot has taken steps to transport water by tankers to the remote settlements affected. (19m)

Losses of IL2,000m. by State companies

The following are details of losses by Government corporations alleged by Gahal leader Menahem Begin in the Knesset yesterday. Figures are in 1973 prices.

Hilton Hotel — IL40m.; Zim — IL30m.; Tahal — IL20m.; Oron Phosphates — IL300m.; Arad Chemicals — IL25m.; Vared Water — IL120m.; Harsa Ceramics — IL100m.; textile projects — IL100m.; Israel Aircraft Industries — IL150m.; Dead Sea — IL150m.; projects in Africa — IL120m.; Knesset — IL300m.; Israel Chemicals — IL300m.; Steel City — IL100m.; oil prospecting — IL100m.

Meir: 'Sapir did most for country'

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Premier Golda Meir said yesterday that she knew few people in this country who had done more for settlement, development, and social progress than Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir. She was replying to a motion for the agenda by the Free Centre's Shmuel Tamir, who claimed that the Finance Minister dominated Israel's economic and social life.

The motion was struck off the agenda.

Mr. Tamir devoted most of his motion to election-style campaigning. He gave special attention to allegations that Avraham "Abras" Aharonson (published in a Civil Service Disciplinary Tribunal last week) was linked with one faction of Labour in machinations against other factions.

Mr. Tamir said that Aharonson was interrogated by the security services after he leaked reports about a meeting between Deputy Premier Yigal Allon and King Hussein of Jordan to Uri Avnery's weekly "Ha'olam Hazeh."

(Mr. Avnery denied this from his seat, promptly and vociferously.)

Charge Gazan killed 5, for 'collaborating'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA — An alleged Gaza terrorist leader and executioner, Mahmoud Abdullah Mahboub, went on trial here yesterday on charges of murder, illegal possession of explosives and weapons, and membership in a terrorist organization.

Mahboub, 25, was charged before a military court with having acted as prosecutor, judge and executioner in the cases of five local men, killed in 1971 for alleged "collaboration" with the authorities. He was also accused of having served as Northern Gaza Strip commander for the Palestine Liberation Front Terrorist organization.

Mahboub denied all the charges. The prosecution said he had mines, a pistol with ammunition, and a radio transmitter with him at the time security forces captured him. The trial will continue in August, after the military court's summer recess.

Unprotected bathing beaches to be patrolled

Safety inspectors will start patrolling within the next few days, particularly in places where bathing is prohibited, the Interior Ministry spokesman announced yesterday.

Persons caught bathing at such spots are liable to IL500 fines, the spokesman said.

He said that of the 11 persons who have already drowned since the start of the current season, nine had been swimming in prohibited areas where no lifeguards are stationed. (19m)



Defence Minister Moshe Dayan welcomed yesterday at the entrance to Nabliu City Hall by Mayor Haj Ma'azouh Masri. (IPFA)

Dayan in Nablus: May let Arab bank open in territories

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

NABLUS — Defence Minister Moshe Dayan said yesterday he was looking into the possibility of permitting the establishment of a local Arab bank. It would fill the vacuum left when Amman-based banks ceased operating there in 1967. Mr. Dayan has just permitted an independent Arab bank to reopen in Gaza.

The Defence Minister was speaking at City Hall, where he met Mayor Haj Ma'azouh Masri, Councilor, members of the Chamber of Commerce and representatives of local women's organizations.

The Defence Minister's visit was one of his occasional inspections of towns which have become more and more routine, reflecting the growing harmony between the Military Government and the local authorities. The visit, like several others in other towns in the area, was devoted to an exchange of views on development affairs preoccupying the city administration. The subjects ranged from water to electricity.

To Deputy Mayor Adel Shalun's appeal to let the Municipality import generators from Europe, Mr. Dayan promised to work on the requested permit "provided the Municipality works on the finances." When the deal was concluded, Mr. Dayan called on his listeners to say "Tashallah" (God willing).

LOANS IN JORDAN

When other development projects were mentioned, the Defence Minister urged the Municipality to take advantage of Israeli permission to local authorities to look for bank loans in Jordan. Such money could be used along with loans from the Israeli authorities to finance local development plans, he said.

Speaking on non-municipal issues, the Defence Minister promised to speed up procedures for the repatriation of some 4,000 local residents from neighbouring Arab states under the family reunion scheme. In this context, it was reported that 4,875 residents have received permits to come back although the authorities approved the repatriation of 8,671 Mr. Dayan assured that more people would be repatriated under human considerations.

Mr. Dayan promised that all local houses sealed up for security reasons could be reopened, and applications to build new houses where a building had been demolished by the army (for harbouring terrorists) would be approved. The Municipality, however, would have to guarantee that applicants would no longer engage in subversive activity, he stipulated.

The Defence Minister said that a local school headmistress, Busira Adham, who was banished to Jordan some three years ago for subversive activity, would be permitted to return here immediately for a three-month summer visit. Her eventual repatriation would be considered then.

20% of draftees overweight

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Almost 20 per cent of draftees are overweight, when they are inducted into the army. This statistic, plus others which point to the fact that Israeli youngsters are not as fit as they should be, prompted Mr. Uri Feinerman (Alignment) to submit a motion for the agenda on the subject to the Knesset yesterday. The motion was referred to Committee.

In presenting his motion Mr. Feinerman claimed that according to published statistics and a recent research project by Dr. Hillel Raskin, of the Hebrew University, most youths in Israel about to enter army service were not physically fit. The situation was getting worse from year to year, he noted. A spot check of military reservists aged 22-26 also showed they were not altogether physically fit.

He suggested that the number of school hours devoted to physical education classes be increased and efforts be made to make children more aware of the value of sport.

In his reply to the motion, Deputy Education Minister Zevulun Hammer claimed that according to a Ministry study Israeli youngsters were just as fit as it not fitter than their counterparts in other countries. He said efforts were nevertheless being made to increase physical ed. hours.

In a separate motion presented yesterday by Rabbi Avraham Weidiger (Poalei Aguda), the Member asked for legislation governing summer camps. He noted that many private camps had sprung up over the past few years, dedicated more to turning a quick profit than providing summer facilities for youths.

The bill was struck off the agenda despite a warm reception by Deputy Education Minister Hammer, who felt that his Ministry should have a larger say in the curricula of these camps.

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Moshe Danino, one of the three men indicted yesterday for the murder of Haim Afragan, is led to the Haifa District Court, a copy of the "Ha'olam Hazeh" weekly in his manacled hands. (IPFA)

Bill to end call-up for all girls

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The N.R.P.'s Rabbi Moshe Zvi Neriyah has submitted a private bill to the Coalition Executive, calling for the abolition of the military call-up for women.

Rabbi Neriyah, who heads the Bnei Akiva yeshivot network, explained that society suffered from friction between orthodox and non-observant girls, over the Army service issue (orthodox girls may apply to be exempted from their service).

Call-up for girls was detrimental to the country's birth-rate because it made girls delay marriage as well as college studies, he added.

The National Religious Party had agreed unanimously that Rabbi Neriyah could proceed with his bill, since he presented it as a matter of personal conscience. However, the N.R.P. is committed to continuation of call-up for women — and would only relinquish it if it were replaced by a new and organized system of voluntary Army service for girls.

Arlosoroff Prize

Neville Mandel, who was awarded the Arlosoroff Prize last Monday, is a Senior Research Fellow of the Department of International Relations of the Hebrew University, and not as reported in Tuesday's paper.

BET JANN, the Druse village located 950 metres above sea level at the foot of Mt. Hermon, was linked to the electric grid yesterday.

Three deny Haifa murder

HAIFA — The three men charged with the murder of Haim Afragan — the seamen's goods dealer whose charred body was found in a wadi near Mount Carmel last month — yesterday denied the charges in the Haifa District Court.

All three — Uri Mizrahi, Zion Abouhoul and Moshe Danino — entered their pleas after the indictment was read.

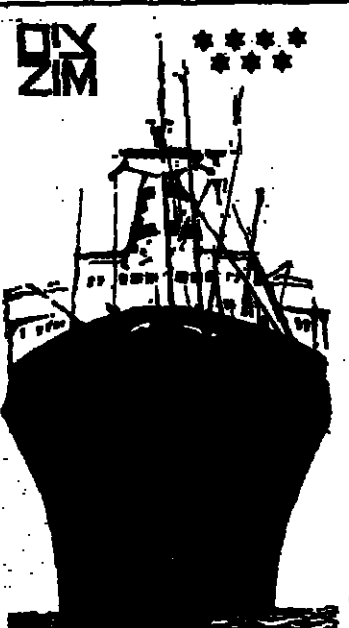
According to the indictment, the accused lured Afragan into a car, drove him to a dirt road on the slope of Mount Carmel, where Abouhoul strangled him. Afterwards, all three allegedly beat his body with sticks and stones and set it alight. The motive for the crime was "an underworld act of revenge," the indictment said.

The trial will begin in the middle of September. (19m)

Oil spills from ships punished by fines

The Zim company was recently fined IL11,000 for polluting the water at Haifa port with bunkers spilled from the a.s. Zim-Haifa, which was in dock.

Other fines, totalling IL36,000, were imposed by the Elliot Magistrate's Court on several foreign tankers for polluting the water there, the Transport Ministry spokesman announced yesterday.



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BETTER MART TERMS SOUGHT

Negotiations
in Brussels
next week

Jerusalem Post Staff
"Substantial improvements" are to be claimed in the European Economic Community proposals for a new free-trade agreement with Israel, the Ministerial Committee for E.E.C. affairs decided in Jerusalem on Tuesday. A committee spokesman said directives were given to the Israeli representatives who will open negotiations on a new agreement in Brussels next Wednesday.

It decided there was special need to extend the transition period before the Israel market is exposed to free imports of European goods. Increased tariff reductions on agricultural exports to E.E.C. countries, and claim equality with the Maghreb countries will also be sought. The spokesman said the Foreign, Finance and Commerce Ministers held that the claims were fully justified, in view of the large annual trade imbalance in favour of the E.E.C. Israel buys some \$500m. worth of goods per year — twice as much as it sells.

The E.E.C. has offered the following proposals: Europe will abolish tariffs on Israel's industrial goods on the last day of 1977, and will dismantle quotas (where they apply) on the last day of 1979. As concerns agricultural goods, the tariff on oranges and orange juice will be reduced by 50 per cent (a 40 per cent reduction already exists on oranges, but nothing on the juice). On other farm products, reductions of 40-60 per cent are envisaged.

Israel is expected to abolish its tariff on industrial goods from Europe by 1980 — but is not required to make any change in its agricultural tariffs.

The Israel position is that this offer is unbalanced. Forty per cent of Israel's exports to the E.E.C. are agricultural goods, as against five per cent of its imports. Therefore the proposed zero tariffs on industrial commodities will benefit practically all Europe's exports, and only 60 per cent of Israel's exports (though this proportion will gradually increase over the coming years).

Israel's delegation next week will consist of Moshe Alon, Ambassador to Belgium and the E.E.C. (chairman), Avraham Agmon of the Treasury, Gideon Lahav and Adin Talbar of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Yehoshua Shachor of the Ministry of Agriculture, and Shimon Amir of the Foreign Ministry.

Parallel talks are being held with other Mediterranean States, under the "global arrangement" suggested by the French Government. The session with Spain is booked for Monday and Tuesday, just before the Israel meeting.

Italian Communists support 242

LOD AIRPORT.—The Italian Communist Party supports the rights of the Palestinian people, and wishes to see UN Security Council Resolution 242 implemented — but it believes the sovereignty of the states in the Middle East should be preserved, including that of Israel. This was stated here yesterday by Alfredo Reichlin, Italian Parliament Member, on his arrival at the head of a four-man delegation of the Italian Communist Party's central committee, as guests of the Rakah Party. He said he and his colleagues sympathized with the Palestinians' struggle, but condemned "extreme and adventurous actions such as in Munich," which harm the Palestinian cause. The other members of the delegation are: Angelo Oliva, deputy chairman of the party's foreign bureau; Franco Fabiani, editor of the Communist daily "Unita"; and Isaac Nahum, M.P., who has an Israeli brother living in Kibbutz Ruhama. (Itm)



P. P. Narayanan, Secretary-General of the Malaysian Trade Unions and President of the Asian Regional Organization of the ICFTU, yesterday called on Prime Minister Golda Meir and on Foreign Minister Abba Eban together with other members of the ABO executive.

Matric exam results 'ready next month'

By EENIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Highschool pupils who have just finished writing their matriculation exams will get their results by the end of August or the beginning of September — instead of in October or November.

The Education Ministry has centralized checking of papers this year, replacing the more cumbersome method of mailing papers to the home of the man who checks them and waiting for their return.

Under the new system all checking is done in four centres — Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa and Beer-sheva. The paper readers, mostly senior teachers, principals or retired educators, come to the centre.

The press was taken on Tuesday on a tour of the Jerusalem centre, located during the summer months in rooms rented from the Hebrew University on the Givat Ram campus. The new head of the Ministry's examinations department, Eddad Avidar (a former tank corps sergeant), who joined the Ministry a year ago, explained the new system, which took over half-a-year to prepare.

The Jerusalem centre handles all examinations in English and Bible, while the Haifa branch at the Technion checks all papers in mathematics, physics, chemistry and biology. The centralized system this year covers only about half of all matric exams papers. Next year it will be expanded to include all of them.

The advantage of concentrating certain subjects in one of the four centres, Mr. Avidar said, is offset by the additional expense of paying for the stay of some examiners away from their homes for a week or two. The centre consists of a large sorting room, where clerks handle the examination papers coming in from schools in all parts of the country, and channel them to examiners. The examiners sit four or

five in a room and put in as many hours a day as they wish. Most of them work five to seven hours, which has the desired effect of getting the work done quickly. Working at home examiners were sometimes tempted to take their time. One middle-aged principal checking Bible papers told The Post that he preferred the old system. "At home, if a paper 'irked' me, I could lay it aside and go for a walk, then come back to it and do it justice," he said.

Concentrating examiners in one room develops a certain team spirit, the press was told. There can also be closer supervision over the readers' work.

The majority of all English papers were checked at the Hebrew University centre within one week, Mr. Avidar said. This would formerly have taken a month or more, he added.

Examination marks and the results of oral tests and the yearly average mark, which accounts for 50 per cent of the final mark, are processed by the Education Ministry's computer.

Teachers are paid about 115 per paper (rates vary according to subject) and handle four to five papers an hour. An output of 40 papers a day is not unusual, although hard workers have checked as many as 60 in a day.

The examination department checks about 230,000 papers a year. It deals with 310 regular and agricultural high schools (27,000 pupils), 224 vocational schools (28,000 pupils) and 52 teacher colleges (6,400 students). These various types of schools test pupils in 201 different subjects, requiring 518 different kinds of examination papers (grammar or composition in language papers, for instance).

External examiners add another 50,000 papers a year.

Frankfurt airport slowed by strike

FRANKFURT (AP). — West German air controllers, defying a court restraining order, resumed their slowdown strike yesterday and forced Frankfurt airport, central Europe's largest to severely curtail its normal operations. Fewer than half of 36 air controllers reported for duty at the start of the day shift. Regularly scheduled international and domestic flights, except those to and from West Berlin, were suspended and incoming flights were diverted to other airports.

Avneri abortion bill defeated in free vote

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
The Knesset yesterday voted down a private member's bill from Uri Avneri (Radicals) aimed at allowing the Minister of Health to gazette regulations governing abortion in the country. It would have provided clear guidelines for when abortions were permissible and when not. At the moment abortions in Israel are technically illegal, but are widely carried out.

The Bill was struck off by 23

Pilot saves damaged El Al plane

By ZEEV SCHUL

Jerusalem Post Aviation Correspondent
LOD AIRPORT. — Passengers of El Al flight 434, from Rome on Tuesday evening, were thankful to Captain Michael Peleg, 37, who landed the Boeing 707 smoothly despite a malfunction of its nose-landing gear.

Most of the 84 passengers had no inkling that anything was wrong until their hostesses informed them to prepare themselves for an emergency landing, only a few minutes before the touch down here at 10:17 p.m.

A tense 90 minutes preceded the landing. About midway in the flight from Rome the instrument panel in the 707 cockpit indicated that there was something wrong with the nose-wheel hydraulics (a leak and loss of fluid which might mean that the nosewheel would not lock into position).

Captain Peleg informed his home control tower of the situation and fire engines and ambulances were immediately rolled up to the landing strip.

When he brought the plane down on its final approach, he gently nosed it forward until parts of its open front wheel housing sent up a shower of sparks. This was misinterpreted by some of the eyewitnesses, who thought the plane had caught fire — an illusion seemingly confirmed by the fire engines who came clanging up to spray water on the red hot metal.

But the open front wheel doors had served in lieu of the brakes the captain could not use.

Because of the unusual angle at which the plane came to rest, the emergency exits were opened and the passengers, in their socks and clutching onto their hand luggage, slid down the inflated chutes. They were unharmed.

It is understood that the plane will be grounded for at least seven days, although structural damage appears, from the outside, to have been relatively slight.

Road deaths up 9 per cent

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Some 317 persons died on Israel's roads in the first half of this year — 27 (9.3 per cent) more than in the same period last year — the Central Bureau of Statistics has reported.

Road accidents of all kinds were up 12 per cent over the same period last year, the report shows. It noted 3,115 accidents, causing injury to 11,208 persons, for January-June 1973. In the first six months of last year there were 2,715 accidents, with 10,242 injured.

In the first six months of this year, there was a slight improvement in the accident record. The number of deaths decreased from 317 to 277; accidents went down from 3,115 to 2,715; and injuries from 11,208 to 9,930.



Four contestants from east Mediterranean countries in last night's Miss Universe contest pose on the beach near Athens. They are (left to right): Marcelle Horro of Lebanon, Yüde Arhan of Turkey, Johanna Melanidis of Cyprus, and Limor Shark of Israel. (AP radiophoto)

Payola suspect charged with bid to kill husband

LONDON (UPI). — Singer Janie Jones, already on trial on 16 charges of abetting prostitution and other crimes, was charged yesterday with trying to poison her husband with drugged coffee.

Nine other new charges, including blackmail, were also filed against her.

Two call-girls who testified they "entertained clients" at Miss Jones' London home and in luxury hotels have filed two days of testimony with lurid details of group orgies and off-beat sex, some of it for employees of the British Broadcasting Corp. The case originally broke into the open with allegations of "payola" payments of sex and money, to BBC personnel to plug phonograph records on the air. It quickly widened.

Miss Jones has also been charged with soliciting a man to murder her former husband, songwriter John Christian-Dee, a fellow defendant on her trial. Yesterday she was charged with "attempting to administer a quantity" of drugged

coffee to Dee "to endanger his life or inflict grievous bodily harm." She was charged with five counts of crimes, was charged yesterday with trying to poison her husband with drugged coffee.

The long-limbed brunette identified only as "Miss B" continued her testimony yesterday by saying Dee and Miss Jones frightened their girls out of going to the police to tell what they knew.

"Particular girls were mentioned by name," she testified, "and there was talk of one of the girls being cemented under a bridge."

Another witness identified as "Miss F" said she used to work six days a week as a Janie Jones call girl. Customers paid about £30 for sexual intercourse, she said. Of that, she received £5.

"Sometimes I was supposed to be a little girl of 11 and be raped by a man," Miss F said. "I went with Arabs as well as white men. Arabs were always at the address I was sent to."

Cables in brief

PAINTING. — A London art dealer paid \$490,000 at Sotheby's auction rooms yesterday for a work by the 15th century Italian artist Andrea Mantegna, "Christ's Descent into Limbo." The painting, 38 by 42 centimetres, is one of only four works by Mantegna still in private hands. It was sent for sale anonymously.

DELUGE. — Floods killed 29 persons and destroyed 300 houses in the Banteng district of south Sulawesi in Indonesia last weekend. Continuous heavy rain destroyed a dike and flood waters rose two metres within 10 minutes.

PARTICULAR. — West German police were yesterday hunting a currency-conscious bank robber who stole 50,000 marks (1187,000) from a suburban bank at pistol point after telling the cashier: "I only want marks. Don't give me any dollars."

Pablito Picasso dies of despair

CANNES (AP). — Pablito Picasso, 24, the grandson of the painter, died early yesterday from the "bleeding fluid he drank in despair" on April 12 after he was turned away from Picasso's villa at the time of the artist's death.

A postal worker, Pablito was the son of the artist's son Paul. He died at Fontaine Hospital in Antibes where he had hovered close to death since his suicide attempt four days after his grandfather died at 91. The grandson's stomach was eaten away and he was fed intravenously.

Pablito tried to commit suicide when he was refused admission to Picasso's villa, Notre Dame de Vie. It was never clear who turned him away from the house. He lived with his mother, who is separated from his father, and a sister.

Massacre report won't stop visit by Portugal's P.M.

LONDON (UPI). — The Government here yesterday rejected demands to cancel next Monday's official visit by Portuguese Prime Minister Marcello Caetano following reports of massacre of 400 Africans by Portuguese troops in Mozambique.

The visit will mark the 600th anniversary of the Anglo-Portuguese alliance — Britain's oldest foreign alliance. However, Government sources said Prime Minister Heath has ordered a detailed report of the charges published in the "Times" on Tuesday. Stringent security precautions have been ordered to protect Caetano against possible demonstrations. No advance announcement of Caetano's programme will be made.

The British decision to go ahead with the visit followed official Portuguese denial yesterday with a Government statement in Lisbon that it will investigate reports of the alleged atrocities. The Portuguese statement charged that the report had been published here "with the obvious aim of creating a scandal on the eve of the visit."

US Defence Sec. says Europe troop cut-back 'risks N-war'

WASHINGTON. — U.S. Secretary of Defence James R. Schlesinger told Congress yesterday that cutting back U.S. troops in Europe by 50,000 to 150,000 men would "risk forcing" an early recourse to the use of nuclear weapons in any attack.

"Such a reduction," he told the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee, "would destroy the hopes we have for a stalwart defense."

President Nixon is to confer today with West German Foreign Minister Walter Scheel as part of what the White House described as continuing close consultation between the U.S. and its European NATO allies.

White House spokesman Gerald Warren announced Scheel's surprise visit and said he will also confer with Secretary of State William Rogers and Dr. Henry Kissinger. (AP, Reuters)

4 die climbing Swiss mountain

ZERMATT, Switzerland (AP). — Four climbers — two Americans and a Scottish father and his teenage son — died when freak weather swept the 4,480 metre Matterhorn on Tuesday, police said yesterday. At least 20 other climbers were earlier rescued from the dangerous conditions.

The Americans' frost-bitten death while waiting out a sudden cold spell on the east face of the mountain.

It was believed they died about two hours before help arrived. An avalanche may have blocked that way.

Lebanese suspect German of spying

BEIRUT (AP). — Lebanese police yesterday questioned a West German man who they say arranged his own kidnapping in Tripoli in an attempt to stir up new friction between the authorities and the terrorists. He was identified as Ulrich Lusberg, 25, of Düsseldorf. Police say they suspect him of espionage.

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Haifa couple to lead beach clean-up

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — "We care. That's why we decided to do something about dirt and pollution," a Kfar Ata couple, Edith and Adi Shinar, said yesterday. They were explaining letters they had sent to the Haifa Municipality asking Haifa residents who use the Habonim beach, south of here, to come tomorrow morning and help them clean it.

The middle-aged couple said they frequented the free beach and "love it." But bathers foul it with their dirt and litter they leave behind. "As only people with cars come there, we feel it would be not too much if they brought along nylon bags and took their waste back home with them for disposal and not litter the beach," they said.

Mr. Shinar, an engineer who came here from Germany said "Everybody expects some official body, the municipality, the government, or the Nature Protection Society to clean up after them. I think every individual is responsible for his own litter and for the safeguarding of our country's beauty. If we won't do something about it, we'll all be covered in waste."

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Hussein in UK for tanks and repute

By DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Intense speculation surrounds the motive for King Hussein's visit to London. This was raised by the secrecy prior to the visit which began on Tuesday. His movements are still shrouded in mystery. The speculation has not been quelled by stories about his seeking military aid worth in the region of £20m. The fact that he is accompanied by his Prime Minister, Zaid Rifai, a former Ambassador to London, strengthens the belief that the Jordanian King is seeking tangible results in more than military matters.

The supposition that he is looking for military support in the form of arms supplies is based to some extent on the fact that his announced force takes heavily on ageing Centurion tanks. While Britain has already stated that it won't sell him Chieftain tanks, Hussein may well argue that as they are supplying him with 800 of these ultra-modern tanks they must at least consider making some effort to help his country which is an equally staunch and trusted ally. He is meeting with Defence Secretary Lord Carrington and with Secretary Wood, who is in charge of overseas aid. It is possible that Mr. Wood's department could arrange finance credits for various purchases, including any arms promised by Lord Carrington.

A second possible explanation is that Hussein is seeking to restore his prestige in the Arab world following suggestions by President Hafez Bourghiba of Tunisia that he step down from the throne and restore the "Palestinian" character of Transjordan. Meetings with Prime Minister Edward Heath, and Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home could help to bolster the King's standing in Arab eyes, and show him to still be the Arab ruler with the closest ties with Britain.

Iraqi envoy in Beirut defects

BEIRUT (UPI). — Capt. Mohamed Kasem El-Musawry, assistant military attaché at the Iraqi embassy here, has defected to an unidentified Arab country and asked for political asylum, "Al-Hayat" said here yesterday.

The right wing newspaper said the defection came in the wake of the June 30 abortive coup in Iraq. Some 36 persons were executed for their alleged role in the attempt which was led by internal security chief Nassef Kassar.

"Al-Hayat" quoted Musawry as saying that the "June 30 revolt was a powerful expression of the Iraqi people's will to crush the Ba'athist-Talcuti dictatorship and to achieve unity."

The paper also quoted a statement said to be distributed in Beirut on Tuesday by supporters of the coup as threatening that any attempt on the life of Abdel Khaled El-Samarrai would be countered by publication of "records of political crimes" by the Ba'ath regime since it took over in Iraq five years ago.

Samarrai, a regional commander of the Ba'ath party, was sentenced to death on Sunday, but the sentence was commuted to life imprisonment with hard labour. Kassar, the leader of the abortive attempt, reportedly planned to proclaim Samarrai as new President of Iraq.

Habash seeks 'subversion' inside Israel

BEIRUT (AP). — Terrorist leader Dr. George Habash called on Tuesday for the setting up of a "central underground Palestinian movement to subvert Israel from within."

"There are 1,250,000 Palestinians living within Israel — nearly 45 percent of the Palestinian population in the Middle East. They should form a nucleus central underground organization to promote the endless struggle against the Zionist entity from within," Habash, head of the Liberation of Palestine (FPLP), was addressing a rally of nearly 2,000 youths, marking the death of FPLP spokesman Ghassan Kanafani a year ago.

Kanafani was killed with his niece when a bomb shattered his sports car. In strident tones, Habash assailed Tunisian President Habib Bourghiba, and unnamed "Egyptian leaders" for trying to undermine the Palestinian cause by calling for the formation of a Palestinian state on the West Bank of the River Jordan.

Habash said the Palestinians "never intended to drive the Jews of Israel into the sea... on the contrary, I call upon all persecuted elements in Israel — Jews included — to ally themselves with the Palestinian revolution."

Fulbright raps 'meddling' on Soviet Jewry

WASHINGTON (UPI). — Senator William Fulbright, Chairman of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said yesterday good Soviet-American relations are too important to be undermined by the issue of emigration of Soviet Jews.

Sen. Fulbright was referring in a prepared speech to the American Bankers Association to an amendment proposed by Senator Henry Jackson to forbid extension of normal U.S. trading terms to the Soviet Union unless Jews and others seeking to leave the U.S.S.R. are allowed to do so freely.

The Soviet consulate in San Francisco formally complained to the State Department on Tuesday that bags of red paint had been hurled at the mission.

An anonymous telephone caller to UPI claimed responsibility for the act early Tuesday morning and said similar harassment of the Soviet diplomatic missions would continue until Jews were allowed to leave the Soviet Union freely.

Vietcong refuse Saigon offer to hold secret negotiations

PARIS. — South Vietnam called on the Vietcong yesterday to hold immediate secret talks on the successful Kissinger-Thao pattern, but the Vietcong refused.

Communist negotiator Nguyen Van Hieu said: "This is a gimmick designed to make the conference drag on and on."

After a 90-minute meeting aimed at breaking a deadlock over the political future of their country, Saigon Deputy Premier Nguyen Lan

Bhutto to ask Nixon for arms

RAWALPINDI. — Pakistani president Zulfikar Ali Bhutto leaves today for Rome on his way to the United States for a six-day visit during which he is expected to sound out President Richard Nixon on the possibility of new arms supplies. It will be his first visit to the U.S. since becoming president in

N. Zealand asks France to end 'Napoleonic posturing'

WELLINGTON. — New Zealand Defence Minister Arthur Faulkner yesterday called for an end to France's "Napoleonic posturing" and said that New Zealand was sick of being dominated by the great powers on all issues.

Meanwhile, the fall-safe hour for clearing out of France's nuclear testing zone in the South Pacific passed yesterday with a New Zealand warship and a U.S. protest yacht entering the danger area to use force to clear the boats from the international waters France has decreed for its own use.

The French naval headquarters has not made its tactics known, but the Defence Ministry in Paris said it did not expect to have to use force to clear the boats from the international waters France has decreed for its own use.

New Zealand's Premier, Norman Kirk, who described the Otago mission as one to jar the world's conscience, said the mission was already accomplishing its aim.

(AP, UPI, Reuters)

SAIGON OIL

In other Indochina developments, South Vietnamese officials have selected eight winning bids from five international oil companies and contractors who want to drill for oil off the country's coastline, Saigon sources reported yesterday.

Saigon claims sovereignty over a wide area of the South China Sea and the Gulf of Siam. Several of the blocks put up for bidding are involved in boundary disputes between South Vietnam and the countries of Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand and Cambodia.

For years Saigon Government and business officials have been speculating on the possibility that an enormously rich supply of oil lies off the South Vietnam coast.

CAMBODIA FIGHTING

In Phnom Penh, Cambodian military authorities announced yesterday that U.S. air strikes on Tuesday killed 200 Communist troops 14 km. outside of the capital. The high command said the strikes were aimed at targets close to embattled Government troop positions on the capital's southern defence perimeter.

During the night, residents could hear U.S. F-4 fighter-bombers striking repeatedly south and west of Phnom Penh in the 12th consecutive day of bombing by American warplanes. (AP, UPI)

U.N. chief says 'don't expect M.E. debate to bring peace'

UNITED NATIONS (UPI). — Diplomats said yesterday the U.N. Security Council would probably resume its debate on the Middle East only on July 23, and not next week, as had been expected.

Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim had advised U.N. correspondents on Tuesday not to expect the debate to bring peace to the Middle East.

"Debate in the Security Council is not a magic wand," he said. "But we cannot expect that public debate can immediately solve the Middle East problem."

Dr. Waldheim told the correspondents he was not disturbed that said.

U.N. resolutions and the mediation mission of Sweden's Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring were not mentioned in the communiqué following the recent summit talks between President Nixon and Soviet Chairman Leonid I. Brezhnev.

"The fact that the Jarring Mission and U.N. resolutions were not mentioned should not be overrated," he said.

Dr. Waldheim renewed his offer to undertake a Middle East peace mission himself if circumstances warranted. "I am very willing to go to the Middle East if I feel that the situation is appropriate," he said.

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Water crisis: decision can't be delayed

It is common knowledge that Israel, with its limited supplies, is facing a water shortage, but few people realize how serious the situation is. The man in the street may complain about his water bill, and even farmers are only concerned about the punitive rates imposed recently on the use of water beyond the fixed quotas. However, recent computations made by our water experts show that the issue is not confined to money.

In 1956 Israel's use of sweet water totaled 1,200 million cubic metres — approximately four-fifths of what is currently considered the country's "sustainable yield of sweet water," which is about 1,450 to 1,500 million c.m. Even at that time the high ratio of water consumption to potential supply was causing concern, but the authorities hoped the reserves would last long enough to enable Israel to develop additional water resources, mainly by reclaiming sewage and eventually by desalination. Water quotas were introduced for farmers and water saving devices were promoted, as a result of which water consumption was expected to increase by no more than one per cent a year.

As a matter of fact, it increased at about double that rate. In 1970-71 it amounted to 1,950 million c.m. Its current level is probably about 1,600 million c.m., i.e. far above the annual water quantity we get. The situation has been aggravated by the current severe drought. But it is unlikely to change substantially even if we get a rainy spell for a few years.

Future supply

A recent estimate of future water supply — including massive expansion of sewage reclamation, and more storm water interception — brings it up to about 1,700 million c.m. in 1985, whereas demand would have risen to at least 1,950 million c.m. An estimate of water

consumption by the end of the century is from 2,400 to 3,000 million c.m. if the present policies persist. Needless to say, no amount of rain interception can provide this quantity.

The question is, of course, how can we use more water than we get. The answer is, that for several years we have made up our annual water deficit by using water from subterranean wells which have held large quantities of water for time immemorial. The total amount of water available there has been estimated at several thousand million c.m. though for practical purposes less than 2,000 million c.m. can be taken into account, because pumping out too much could bring about seepage of sea-water and thus irreparably damage all our water resources.

As large as these underground reserves may be, they cannot last very long if our water deficits persist at their present rate of close to 200 million c.m. a year, and increase as time goes on. Even with adoption of stiff water conservation policies, the usable reserve is calculated to last for 15 years. With a more lenient policy, the reserve may be depleted in five or six years, especially if the dry weather continues.

Crucial point

To say that Israel is heading towards a water crisis is an understatement. We already have one and we must use emergency measures to get out of it. The crucial point is that the problem can no longer be solved by slowing agricultural development, or by teaching farmers not to waste irrigation water. Even though irrigation accounts for almost 80 per cent of our water consumption, the danger of water shortage stems from the growing non-agricultural demand as well. Industrially, the current water supply falls short of covering even agricultural requirements. However, it is the rapid rise of domestic and industrial water consumption which is now the greatest threat.

In the last ten years the agricultural use of sweet water increased from about 1,000 million c.m. to about 1,250 million c.m., i.e. by just over 2 per cent annually, including the special irrigation requirements of the recent drought years. Planners expect (or rather hope) that this will rise by only a fraction of one per cent annually. On the other hand, domestic water use expanded about 60 per cent in the past ten years (or double the rate of the population increase) and is already holding towards 500 million c.m. or one sixth of all water used. Industrial consumption, which accounted for only five per cent of the aggregate water use ten years ago, has almost doubled in that time. Water consumption by industry will undoubtedly continue to increase rapidly, and will aggravate the water shortage until in 1985 domestic and industrial use will probably account for one third of total water consumption. At that time one eighth of the water would be provided by over-pumping.

We can no longer ask whether to plant more citrus groves or expand the acreage for fodder, sugar beets or irrigated field crops, as we did in the '50s, '60s. We now must ask what kind of water use to disperse with. Obviously, curbing domestic use will affect standards of living and recreation, and are likely to meet with stiff opposition. Though we all pay water rates, we still tend to use water lavishly with little regard for its price. To change this attitude will be most difficult.

It would be no less difficult to check the rise in industrial water consumption, because to do so might be to lose — in economic terms

Israel is using water faster than the reserves are being replenished. Emergency measures must be taken now, writes Economic Editor Moshe Ater.

— more than we gain in relatively small amounts of water. Israel's economic progress depends on industrial development, and the water required for chemical, textile, and other industries must have a high priority if we want to go on expanding employment, increasing exports and raising our standard of living.

The only practical alternative is to use water more selectively in agriculture, because the value added for a given amount of water is smallest in agriculture. Many agricultural products which use a great deal of water, could be imported relatively cheaply while the freed human and material resources could be shifted to manufacturing or services. In fact, tentative plans exist to gradually reduce the major crops that use up half the agricultural water supply: sugar beets, irrigated fodder, citrus and cotton.

Up in arms

However, needless to say, farmers are up in arms against this approach and say that pure cost considerations cannot be used for agriculture which provides not only a stable economy but also a way of life and the raison d'être for settlements throughout the country. In fact, most water for irrigation is still provided at far below cost, even if the depletion damage or the cost of developing an additional water supply to meet the rising demand is not included.

It is against this background of a looming water shortage, which may impede our economic growth, that the decision concerning the start of water desalination is hanging fire. Everything thus far refers to "conventional" water, available from natural sources — including reclaimed sewage. But it could be augmented indefinitely by man-made sweet water. Nevertheless the plunge has not yet been taken in view of the tremendous costs involved, which must upset all the cost calculations we have known regarding water.

When this country first considered setting up a water desalination plant (with U.S. help) in the early '60s, it planned for a yearly output of 100 million to 120 million c.m., or less than ten per cent of the supply from natural sources at that time. By now, however, the water crisis is so great that desalination may have to be one of the major sources of sweet water.

Current plans

Current plans envisage an output of over 100 million c.m. by the mid-'80s, just to keep from depleting our underground reserves. After that, any increase in the water supply would have to come from desalination. By the end of the century, one-third of all our water would be desalinated, at a cost of several hundred million pounds (at present price levels) for every 100 million c.m. Desalinated water would thus cost several times the present punitive rates for excessive agricultural use.

The decision to start desalinating water would therefore hardly relieve us of the necessity of reaping our water pricing and water consumption policies. The decision is made more difficult because we would have to choose between competing desalination methods. Some foreign processes have been tried abroad, but the locally developed are (the I.D.E. multiple effect distillation), favoured by the Development Ministry, looks more promising (cheaper) in the long run. It has not yet been tested, however, in actual operation, and may yet run into technical difficulties.

At best, a million c.m. demonstration plant of the I.D.E. type could be set up next year. That would hardly allow time for adequate testing and corrections, before construction would have to start on a plant to produce the 100 million c.m. needed not later than 1985 or 1990. Whatever we decide, we shall be running great economic risks, but we are already risking a great deal and the decision cannot be delayed.



Tower Bridge, over the Thames, where nature lovers can now go bird watching in the heart of London.

(Camera Press)

THE THAMES IS SWEET AGAIN

By RONALD HARKER

THE River Thames, which once made London the greatest port of the most powerful nation on earth, is undergoing a revolutionary change which makes exciting news for any city worried by the world-wide problem of pollution. For the Thames is a cleaner river to-day than it has been for centuries.

In the sixteenth century Edmund Spenser wrote of the "Sweet Thames," but 300 years later the river stank so much that Parliament could not bear to meet on the banks of the Thames.

The Pollution Control Department of the Port of London Authority has changed all that, mainly by strict control over the discharge of industrial waste. It is not an easy task. The Thames is a tidal river, and if you throw some rubbish into it from, say, London Bridge, it is likely to go 10 miles downstream but return nine and a half miles on the tide, so it may fester in the river for anything up to three months before it escapes into the sea.

It is the consequences of the Authority's success that are so cheering. Only 16 years ago the only fish able to live in 40 miles of the Thames downstream from Richmond were eels. Now roach and bream are in abundance, trout have been caught in the centre of London, and cod come up as far as Tilbury where anglers have caught them off the jetty. And now, perhaps the most exciting stage of all, the

Port of London Authority has offered a silver cup as a trophy, and £250 in cash, to the angler who catches the heaviest salmon (or, in the absence of salmon, a sea trout) before next September 1 when the close season for salmon starts.

The Thames is the only major industrial river in the world to show such significant improvement. But this is not only because the Thames has become habitable by fish. A quite astonishing change has come over bird life in its reaches. Not many years ago anybody thinking of studying bird life on the banks of the Thames would have been laughed at: there was nothing there between London and Tilbury but mud, swans, a few mallards, and London pigeons smacking their wings.

Now, thousands of ducks and wading birds are coming to the Thames from breeding grounds in northern Europe and Russia. Moorhens and coot can be seen paddling around Tower Pier. A water called the ruff normally winters in Africa, but last winter 130 of these colourful birds stopped off to probe Thames mud for wholesome food and never took off again for the south.

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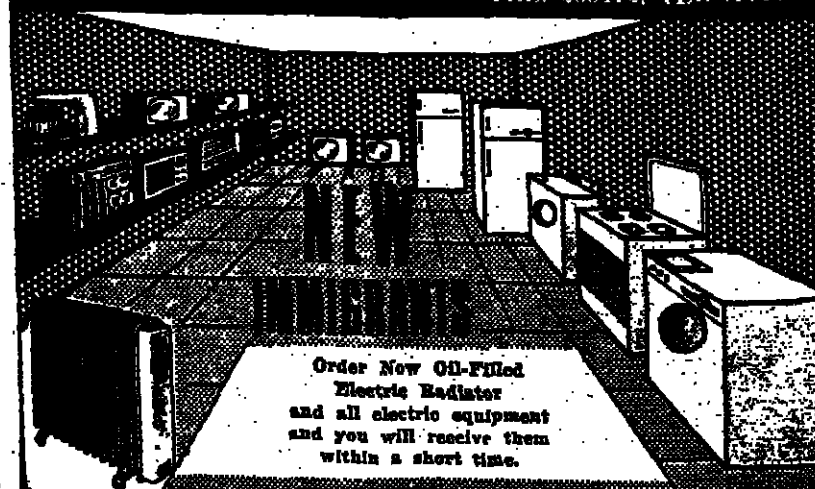
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48,000 deprived children

By **ERNIE MEYER**
THE much publicized statistics to the effect that almost one-fifth of Israel's children live under conditions which the Prime Minister's Committee on Disadvantaged Youth terms "unsatisfactory," need to be read in the context of the definitions set out by the report of the committee. Of 930,000 children and young people under the age of 18 in 1972, the committee reports that between 160,000 and 190,000 belong to the generally disadvantaged group, while perhaps as many as 48,000 can be described as severely disadvantaged.

These figures are contained in the committee's final report and in an appendix on "Children in Israel" published with it. The appendix figures are from a report written by Ya'acov Haviv for the Szold Institute last year. They are based on a 1968-69 survey of Jewish families in urban centers, updated with later figures supplied by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

The report defines social "distress" or "disadvantage" according to three criteria: first, head of family has only eight years of schooling or less; second, three

or more persons sleep in one room (this means six persons for instance, occupying a two-room flat; it does not mean, six persons choosing to occupy two bedrooms in a three-room flat); third, average income per person is below a certain minimum, about IL100 monthly, at present. The report determines the degree of a family's "distress" according to the presence of one, two or three of the above criteria.

Last year about 160,000 children belonged to families which suffered at least two of the three listed disabilities. Out of these 160,000 children about 25,000 live in families to which all three criteria apply. The totals of 160,000 and 25,000 go up to 190,000 and 48,000, if higher minimum income criteria are applied. These minimum income figures are constantly adjusted upward, since they are computed according to the ever-rising national wage average.

Discouraging

It is significant that between 92 and 94 per cent of all partially disadvantaged children belong to families originating from Asian or African countries. The report terms it "possibly one of

its most discouraging findings" that all severely disadvantaged children, without exception, belong to this group of families. (Children from families of Asian-African origin comprise 58 per cent of all children in urban centers).

In a further discouraging observation the report notes that increased income (the third criterion) hardly reduces the percentage of disadvantaged children in this group of families. This means that almost all children living on the borderline of poverty also belong to families of Asian-African origin.

Of all disadvantaged children, 31 per cent live in the big cities, and 42 per cent in smaller towns founded after the establishment of the State, including development towns.

The distribution of children from families to which two or three of the poverty criteria apply is as follows: Tel Aviv, 32,000 (15 per cent); Jerusalem, 28,000 (12 per cent); Haifa, 9,000 (4 per cent).

It is noteworthy that the committee found no statistics for children in rural areas. The report contains harsh facts about the influence of poverty on the schooling and work habits

of youngsters between 14 and 17 years old. Of these in families to whom all three criteria apply, a full 51 per cent have dropped out of school. But of these school dropouts more than half also do not work or learn a trade.

At the other end of the age scale, only 32 per cent of children aged three and four belong to severely disadvantaged families go to kindergartens. This compares with 79 per cent in the general population.

The report ends with a comparative table for the years 1969 to 1972, which shows improvements in several areas of distress. While the number of children under 18 has grown from 870,000 in 1969 to 930,000 in 1972, the percentage of those in families with four or more children has remained steady at about 39; those in families with six or more children also remains about 18.

In housing density, however, there is significant improvement. The number of children sleeping three or more per room has declined from 231,000 (26.8 per cent) to 190,000 (20.5 per cent) from 1969 to 1972. Those sleeping four or more to a room declined from 83,000 (9.5 per cent) to 57,000 (6.1 per cent).

MOONLIGHTING SOPRANO

By **JOEL RAB-OR**
Special to The Jerusalem Post

CONDUCTOR Zubin Mehta had a surprise encounter during a recent tour of Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital. It was with Miss Cilla Grossmayer, an X-ray technician at the hospital who has been chosen by Mehta to sing in a series of operatic concerts with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

The two had previously met some three weeks before in Tel Aviv, when Maestro Mehta auditioned Miss Grossmayer for the part of "Inessa" in Verdi's *Il Trovatore*. At that time, Mehta said, he was unaware of her "other life."

The hospital's Director, Professor David M. Maier, knew of Miss Grossmayer's unique "moonlighting" activities and arranged for the surprise meeting between the two during Mr. Mehta's tour.

Cilla Grossmayer has been working at Shaare Zedek for the past 9 years. While working at the hospital she began studying at the Rubin Academy of Music in Jerusalem and has been appearing on the stage for the past four years. In the autumn she will be making a concert tour of Germany and Switzerland.

The young, brunette soprano cum X-ray technician came to Israel from Germany at the age of 17. After a short period at a kibbutz and two years in the army, she completed a course in radiology, while singing "whenever I had a chance."

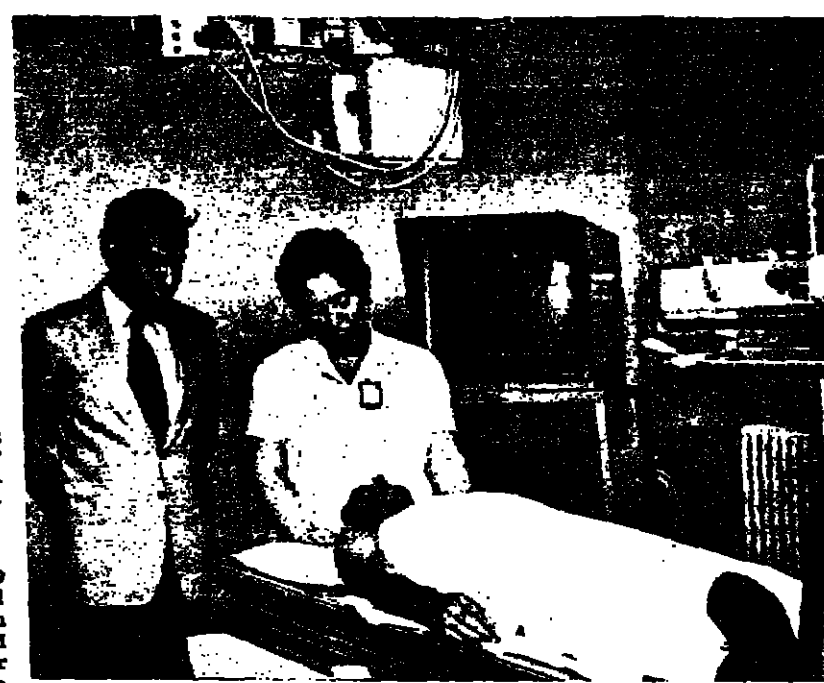
"Everyone told me that I had a good voice and that I ought to study with a professional teacher. Thanks to Dr. Dollberg, the head of the X-ray Department at Shaare Zedek, I was able to complete my studies at the Music Academy while working at the hospital, and begin appearing on the stage. Now, when I have to appear at auditions, rehearsals and performances, the hospital allows me to adjust my work schedule so as not to interfere with my singing career."

"Someday," she says, "I hope to be able to work at the hospital just as a volunteer. I enjoy working in the X-ray Department, but I'd like to be able to make a living out of it as well."

Bikinis out at Universe contest

ATHENS (UPI) — Miss Universe contestants will wear evening gowns instead of bikinis for the finals of the beauty contest this year because of the "sanctity" of its setting, a spokesman for the sponsors said.

Fifteen contestants will be selected Saturday for the finals in the Roman theatre of Herodes Atticus at the foot of the Acropolis.



Cilla Grossmayer shows Zubin Mehta her "other life."

COSMETICS NEWS

By **CATHERINE ROSENHEIMER**
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV'S first cosmetics company has just celebrated its 40th birthday. Taya's founder and managing director Meshulam Ginegar was in a distinctly reminiscent mood at a luncheon marking the occasion.

When he arrived in Palestine in the early 30s, already well qualified in the field of cosmetics, what disturbed Meshulam Ginegar most was to see so many potentially pretty complexions being ruined by the climate for lack of beauty care products.

He determined that his plant would produce products which were medically and technically on a high standard, at prices modest enough to enable every woman to keep herself well-groomed on a modest budget. Throughout the years, he said, this has remained the company's guiding principle.

Taya's real breakthrough in the cosmetics field came with the development of Dermapon, for which the description "soapless soap" has successfully coined — the product, the slogan, caught on over the world, opening up Taya's first real export market. Most recent additions to the company's range include Mias Dermapon complexion care soapless soap, two kinds of moisturizing creams and a new bubble bath called Blue Sky.

TWO new Helena Rubinstein beauty products, both particularly suited to the summer, were launched last week. H.R.'s newest moisturiser

product is described as moisture-response hydro-regulating cream. To the layman unfamiliar with such terminology, they explain that this is in fact a cream-for-all-seasons, adjusting to the varying needs of the skin all the year round, especially when the skin needs extra moisture after exposure to the sun, but equally good under cold conditions. Pleasant smelling and non-greasy, it sells at IL1.80 and can be used as a day or night cream.

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A FOOTBALLER'S FREEDOM

By **SIBILLA MELTZER**
Jerusalem Post Reporter

WHERE does a world-famous footballer go when he wants to escape from the adulation — and demands — of his millions of adoring fans? When the footballer is Franz Beckenbauer — Captain of Bayern Munich, whose brilliant playing as captain helped West Germany capture the World Cup in 1970; whose name is a household word in Europe and who is an idol to football enthusiasts the world over — he takes his wife and family and escapes to a remote little resort on the shores of the Red Sea — Eilat.

This is his dream for next year's summer vacation. This summer, last month in fact, he was in Eilat too, with his beautiful blonde wife Brigitte, and their three blonde sons, Thomas, 9½, Michael 6½, and 4½-year-old Stephan, filming just such a vacation as part of the full-length, full-colour feature film called "Libero," currently being made by Rina Films of Munich.

The story of "Libero" is the life story of a world famous footballer who dreams of escaping from his fans. The sequences shot in Eilat will appear in the film as nostalgic memories when the footballer sits in his Munich home during a season of intensive games and training.



Beckenbauer and a local fan, Yossi.

Director Wigbert Wicker, in order to make the film as true-to-life as possible, is shooting without a script and with the participation of as few professional actors as possible (one of the professionals is Israeli Shmuel Rodensky, whose "Tiddler on the Roof" made him extremely popular in Germany). The crew, too, was pared to a minimum, and they exploited the natural scenery and sequences as they occurred, following the loose story line.

One such incident happened during the shooting of Beckenbauer meeting a Beduin in Wadi Taba. Bayern Munich's manager, Manfred Schwan, who accompanies Beckenbauer everywhere, decided he would like to take part in the film too. Within minutes — and with make-up and a Beduin jebellaya

(long robe) — Schwan was transformed into an elegant sheikh, much to the delight of the Beduin, who adopted him on the spot. In the film the scene will show Beckenbauer meeting a sheikh who is the living double (literally) of his manager — showing that even in the desert he cannot escape his fate completely.

One of the highlights of the film is Beckenbauer's discovery of a lush green football pitch set like an emerald amid barren granite mountains — the Eilat football pitch. After the shooting, all those present and a few Eilat youngsters, divided into teams for a friendly match — Bayern versus Israel. Needless to say, Israel lost 7-0.

Other scenes in the film show Beckenbauer learning to use a snorkel, mask and flippers (and it was for him the first time!) — and then, graduating to S.C.U.B.A. diving, he films his children through a glass-bottomed boat — sea side up! With locations such as Eilat, Netanya, the Coral Island and the Coral Beach Nature Reserve, the film, which will be distributed in Europe this coming winter, will be wonderful publicity for Israel's Red Sea Riviera. (Shots of Beckenbauer at the Western Wall have already appeared on the front pages of the German press.)

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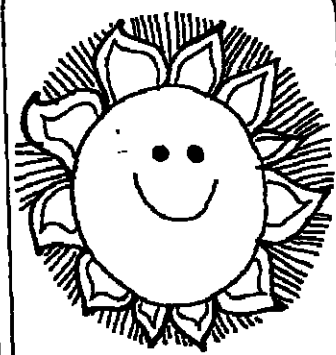
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Negotiating with Palestinians

IN the past two weeks, it has become a fashion for some Arab leaders, normally those not immediately involved in the "confrontation" with Israel, to suggest that Israel negotiate with the heads of what they call the "Palestine Resistance." The last one to do so was Algeria's Foreign Minister Abdoul Aziz Bouteflika, during his visit to Paris.

As in President Bourguiba's formula, he says Israel must withdraw to the June 4, 1967 borders and "recognize the rights of the Palestinians." The two Maghrebi leaders used the same terms when they referred to the Palestinians: they have the right to their "stolen homeland." President Bourguiba has gone even further and suggested that Jordan transform itself into a Palestinian state and then negotiate with Israel.

It is not surprising that King Hussein is now making a discreet visit to London. He was in Teheran during the recent attempted coup in Iraq and may have learned something of the designs the plotters had regarding the stationing of Iraqi troops along the Israel-Jordan border. The Bourguiba proposal certainly joined him and London seemed the most hopeful and comforting capital for him to go and plead for help. After all, only Britain (and Pakistan) ever recognized the annexation of East Jerusalem and the West Bank by King Abdullah in 1950. Naturally it is somewhat difficult for Israel to negotiate with leaders whose organizations declare the destruction of this country as their main goal and their raison d'être. On the other hand Israeli leaders have maintained dialogue with many Palestinian leaders in the West Bank in the past six years. This dialogue has resulted partly in

the present prosperous economy of the West Bank and the speedy normalization of life after the Six Day War.

The very idea of negotiating with Arabs is a step in the right direction, and Israel should be satisfied for the time being that the idea seems to be getting across. The basic question, nevertheless, remains: negotiating with whom? Can Palestinian leaders commit themselves to an international agreement? Which leader is recognized among the Palestinians, or in other words, who speaks for the Arabs? Will an agreement be reached between Israel and Palestinian leaders to be honored by Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Iraq? Will such an agreement mean the end of the state of war between Israel and its neighbors?

The idea may seem simple and easy for those who want to see such progress, any progress in the seemingly endless impasse in the Middle East. But deeper and more sober reflection will reveal that in the past, Jewish and later Israeli efforts to deal directly with the Palestinians were frustrated by the Arab states who refused to let them negotiate abandoned property or frozen assets. There is no guarantee this will not happen again. On the contrary, the more talk there is about Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, the less will the Arab states feel the need to enter into negotiations on the basic problem of accepting Israel as a sovereign state in the Middle East, and then discussing the problems of borders, navigation, refugees and Jerusalem. These cannot be solved by the Palestinians. This makes call for such talks at best misleading, especially if it is done in the new diplomatic now favoured by Arab leaders; diplomacy by interviews.

WATERGATE BEGAN IN VIETNAM

How did "the Great Experiment" of self-government become an attempt to subvert the American system of democracy? examined by MICHAEL DAVIE.

WASHINGTON (Ottawa).—WATERGATE is not the only thing going on in Washington. In the middle of the city, on a long triangular strip of green that stretches from the Capitol to the Washington Monument, an American folk festival is in progress. In oppressive, steamy heat, tens of thousands of visitors admire Indian blankets, listen to blues singers, and sulk old-fashioned "lemon twists." It is an event that can scarcely fail to arouse nostalgia for the lost innocence of America.

What is the connection between the American past and the splendor of the present Watergate scandal? It is a question that Americans, so far, have scarcely begun to ask themselves. A dozen different investigations are in progress to establish the facts about Watergate and related scandals. Soon the Americans will need a theory that explains them. How did "the Great Experiment" of self-government become, under President Nixon, an attempt to subvert the American system of democracy? Much comment these days ascribes Watergate to the failings of Nixon himself. He is, indeed, as is now becoming plain, a peculiar man. His former White House legal counsel, John Dean, told the Senate Watergate Committee several strange anecdotes about the President — and whatever one may think of Dean's general reliability as a witness it is hard to see why he should have invented these stories, since they involve other people and can readily be checked.

envisioned, among other ideas, the supply of prostitutes to the Democratic Convention. And Mitchell did nothing to ensure that the architect of the plan was removed from his important job, still less that he was prosecuted.

Ordinary Americans are finding these and other spreading revelations of wild, even unbalanced behaviour hard to take in. Senator Baker, the vice-chairman of the Senate Watergate Committee, called them "mind boggling." Where did the cancer start? A Marxist might say that recent American history — Vietnam suppression of campus riots, Watergate, the clampdown on blacks, the economic crisis — is symptomatic of an imperialist, capitalist system in decline. But it is hard to make the Vietnam war fit the Marxist analysis. Stocks on Wall Street used to go up, not down, when peace seemed a bit nearer. The big corporations that contributed to Nixon's 1972 campaign did not do so automatically; they insisted on a *quid pro quo* — hence several current scandals.

Signs of paranoia

Where then, is one to look for clues? Signs of paranoia have been visible in American politics for some time, especially since the end of World War II. The "loss" of China to the Communists stimulated a powerfully paranoid reaction, most notably in Senator Joe McCarthy's hunt for imaginary enemies and Communists in the Government. (There were no Communists at all in the recent White House list of enemies.)

The Goldwater campaign for the presidency in 1964 had a harsh strain running through it. Many of those around Goldwater were distrustful, inclined to think that their opponents were un-American, and eager to punish them. Several survivors of the campaign thereafter attached themselves to Nixon, and are now involved in Watergate. Any theory that seeks to explain Watergate will have to take account of the whole American shift to the right in the 'sixties, a complex phenomenon involving the rise of the blacks, permissiveness, the student revolt, rising taxes and a dozen other matters.

The theory, too, will have to connect Watergate and the Vietnam war. Of all the events that have shaken and transformed the United States in the past decade this war is surely the most important. It was events connected with Vietnam — the publication of the Pentagon Papers, Press leaks about the bombing of Cambodia, domestic bombings — that caused the White House to start its own private war against "subversive elements." It was the presumed instability of the established Federal agencies



Under television lights and chandeliers cameras are focused on John Dean III as he testified in the Senate Watergate Committee hearings. At right, Dean and Jeb Magruder, the two witnesses who have admitted wrong doing.



to deal with Vietnam dissent that caused Nixon to set up his secret "plumbers unit" in the White House, an act that led directly to the burglary at the Watergate building headquarters of the Democratic National Committee. Almost all the people on the list of enemies were opponents of the war.

An explanation of Watergate, besides, will need to address itself to the moral standards of the establishment. The rhetoric of the Nixon Administration sounds deeply ironical now. Those who spoke up loudest about the need for law and order, such as the President himself and John Mitchell, were themselves evidently breaking the law. Those who were talking about the rights of American citizens were tapping telephones.

Moral blindness

Even now, a part of moral blindness hangs over all those involved in Watergate. So far, no public servant or Nixon employee, so far, has been revealed as having voluntarily said, at any point, "this is wrong." The tone of those who have been compelled to admit wrong-doing, Jeb Magruder of the Nixon 1972 re-election committee, who committed perjury time and time again, and John Dean — has been thin and whining and uncomprehending. Dean says that he was helped in his recent ordeal before the Senate committee, when he was cross-examined for four days, by his nightly habit of prayer. "I almost went into the Episcopal ministry, you know," the President himself shows little sign of recognizing the moral equator now revealed as endemic to his Administration. How is this myopia to be explained?

Perhaps it is connected with another characteristic of the Watergate principals. They were all intensely keen to get on in the world. Nixon, above all, has been possessed by the need to prove himself. Most of the others, in so far as one can

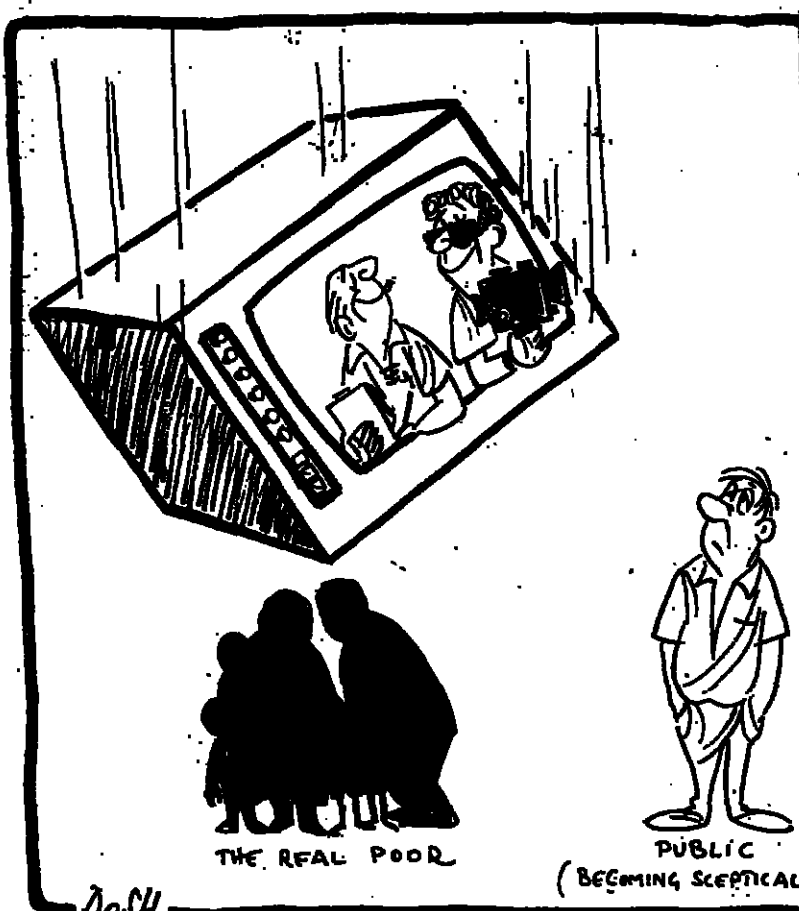
discern their motives through the fog of lies, seem to have been inspired by the need for personal success. They found it possible to break the law and yet to be intensely loyal to the President and to their own ambitions at the same time. The notion of loyalty to any other purpose has not, so far, been mentioned.

Need to impress

One can discern a need to impress the neighbours. Dean used to drive a purple Porsche. He wore a different suit on each of the five days of his testimony. He was alert to the value of real estate — like the President's two close associates who helped buy, at Key Biscayne and San Clemente, property for the President in these two sun-traps. Magruder, despite his confessed perjury and the ruin of his hoped-for political career, has already moved on to the payroll of a big hotel chain. Dwight Chapin, the President's former Appointments Secretary, who was engaged in some as yet obscure dealings in political espionage during the 1972 campaign, is now with United Airlines and said to be doing well. No repentance seems likely to modify their drive for self-advancement.

Thus, the American premium on success seems to bear some of the responsibility for Watergate. Many of those involved appear to have been moved as much by the drive to conventional success, and the prestige arising from the exercise of power, as by ideological motives. To be sure, some of the Watergate men are ideologues: H.R. Haldeman, formerly the President's right-hand man, for one. But their general measure is that of opportunists, operators who serve many masters; his testimony showed him to be nothing if not flexible. These are some of the strands that will have to be woven together, one day, to explain Watergate.

FIGHTING POVERTY



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Bourguiba's initiative

Al Hamishmar (Magan): "The fact that Bourguiba's very initiative did not arouse the opposition of the Arab camp gives rise to thought. The Tunisian President admitted says one thing one day and another the next. But his Foreign Minister's remarks indicate that contacts with Israel are no longer taboo."

She'arim (Posel Agudat Yisrael) on the recent rise in prices on the American food market: "This is due in great measure to the sale of grain surpluses to the Soviet Union at lower than minimum prices, necessitating subsidies to farmers. In view of these revelations, there is evident in the United States a sobering up following the enthusiasm to expand trade links with the Soviet Union. This also lightens the burden of the campaign of the supporters of Senator Jackson's amendment."

Hatzofe (National Religious) attributing the impetus for the emigration of immigrants from Carmel to combined action by missionaries and the non-Jewish wives in mixed marriages, concludes: "There is need to exercise greater care in approving candidates for immigration, in order to rule out non-Jews, as well as greater supervision of missionary activity."

Hemodia (Agudat Yisrael) calls for vigorous action against missionary societies.

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Readers' letters

FEDERATION AS A SOLUTION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I read with interest Moshe Dayan's idea about the occupied territories and the suggestion of the doves that the territories be surrendered. It is obvious to every layman that Israel's protection is at its maximum when it extends from the Suez Canal to the Jordan. It has excellent tank traps, and it has waiting time in respect of planes that would attack Israel.

On the other hand, the Palestinians are also entitled to have their lives and interests protected. A compromise solution would be a federation, a State of Israel consisting of three provinces, Israel, the West Bank and Gaza, plus such portion of Sinai as will ultimately be retained. Each province should effect its own Government and be responsible for education, roads, property rights, etc. The Federal Government should be made up of representatives from each of the provinces and the Federal Government should have jurisdiction over defence, foreign trade, foreign relations, etc. The number of members elected to the Federal Government should be determined by the respective populations of each province as it stands today. This would assure that the Jews would not be outnumbered by the rapidly increasing Arab population. Every citizen of every province should have the perfect right to travel through, or live in, any part of the enlarged Israel, and the right to free emigration if so desired. This type of discussion and negotiation could go a long way to make peace with the Palestinian Arabs and if that takes place, the main reason given by the Arab countries for fighting Israel would be removed.

HENRY S. ROSENBERG, Q.C.
Toronto, June 27.

PUT ON THY SOCKS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — The news about the poor Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter who wasn't allowed to enter the Knesset without socks in his sandals left me a little bit puzzled (July 3).

I looked up in the Bible the inspiring passage where Moses, turning to see the burning bush, heard God calling to him (Exodus 3:5): "Put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground."

I wonder whether the Serjeant-at-Arms' order to refrain from visiting our Parliament without socks indicates that the Knesset's unholiness, in contrast to the burning bush, is holy ground.

GLARA ASSOCHER-PINKHOFF
Haifa, July 5.

SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I want to thank Dr. Ya'acov Ro'i for his article, "Why the Kremlin switched" (July 1). For me, a Soviet lawyer who immigrated recently, it is astonishing to hear that here in Israel, we have "leftist groups who blamed Israeli policy for Soviet enmity."

I am sure that these leftist groups are mistaken about Soviet foreign policy. Dr. Ro'i has proved with many facts that the attitude of the U.S.S.R. to Israel was dictated by global considerations and not by one-sided or reciprocal enmity.

DAVID GABRIEL
Tel Aviv, July 2.

FREEWAYS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I erred in quoting the title of the source I cited when noting that freeways create greater demand for themselves (June 24). The correct title is: "Superhighway: superhoax" by Helen Levitt.

DAVID F. GOLDSMITH
Jerusalem, June 26.

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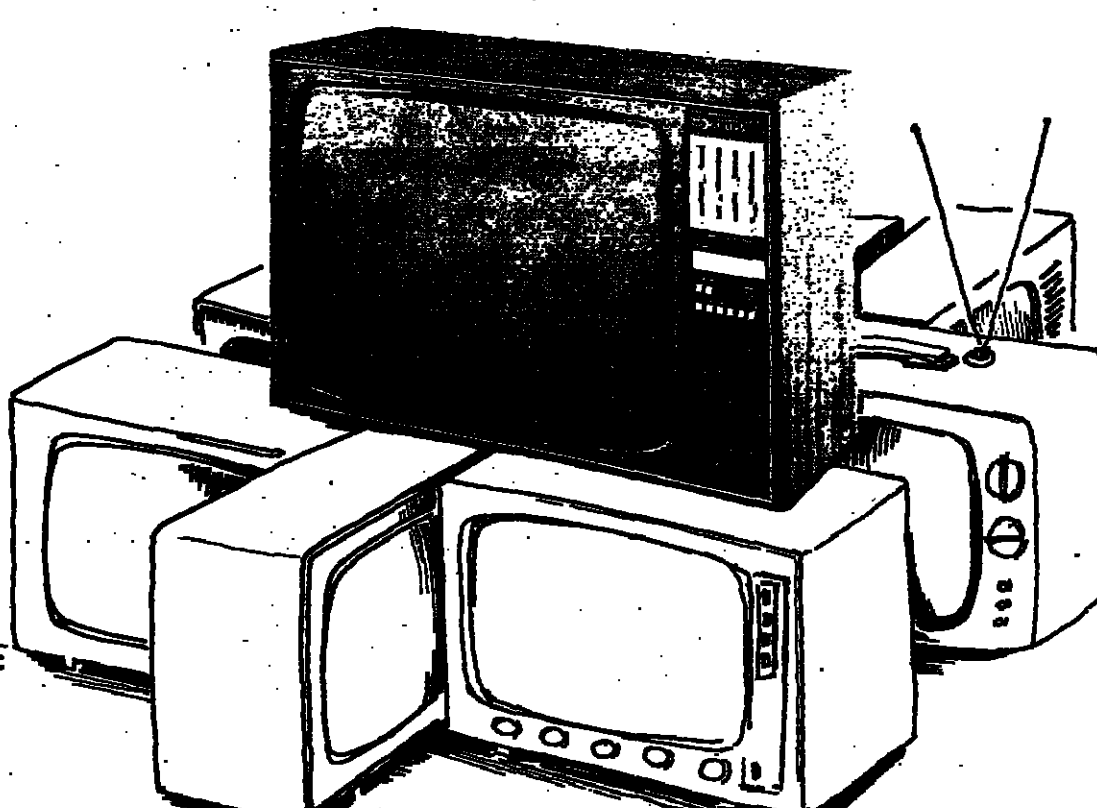
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